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## Naif signs security accord with Bahrain

By Adnan Sadig  
Gulf Bureau

MANAMA, Dec. 20 — Visting Interior Minister Prince Naif and his Bahraini counterpart Sheikh Muhammad Bin Khalifa Al-Khalifa signed here Sunday a security cooperation agreement that will provide for the extradition of the criminals and combat crime in all its forms.

The agreement was preceded by a meeting between the two ministers, during which they discussed several matters including cooperation between the two countries in the sphere of security.

Earlier Saturday night, Ruler of Bahrain Sheikh Issa Bin Salman Al-Khalifa received Prince Naif and exchanged cordial views on bilateral relations. The meeting was attended by Saudi and Bahraini officials.

Following the signing of the agreement, Prince Naif held a press conference in which he said he came here to convey a message from King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd to Sheikh Issa, containing Saudi Arabia's support for Bahrain. He added that the government and people of Saudi Arabia placed all their potentialities in support of Bahrain at anytime and place determined by Sheikh Issa.

Prince Naif referred to the Kingdom's declared stance on the plot engineered by the Iranian government against Bahrain, and described it as having been "directed simultaneously against the Kingdom." He reiterated the Kingdom's support for Bahrain and all Gulf states and said that any infringement on the security of any of these states was an encroachment on the Kingdom's security. He made it clear that this stance was an inevitable fact and there were no political or propaganda purposes linked to it. "We would like the media to know that we mean what we say," he said, and added that the international society must know that "by our statement we don't intend any political or propaganda gain, but we only say the truth."

Prince Naif said the agreement will regulate the common activities of the security machinery of the interior ministries of the two countries. The agreement covers many matters concerning cooperation, coordination, exchange of criminals and all other matters that jeopardize the state security in the two countries, he said. The minister added that the agreement represents the minimum degree of cooperation between the two countries and all other states of the Gulf. He expressed the hope that similar agreements would be signed soon with other states of the Gulf, in addition to a unified treaty among the Gulf states.

The minister disclosed that the agreement had been prepared before the recent plot was

## Begin launches attack on America

### Cancel strategic alliance

TEL AVIV, Dec. 20 (AP) — Leveling an unprecedented attack on U.S. policy, Prime Minister Menahem Begin canceled Israel's new Strategic Alliance with the United States Sunday and accused it of treating Israel "like your vassal state."

The lengthy, wrathful cabinet statement raised the U.S.-Israeli crisis over Israel's annexation of the Syrian Golan Heights to a pitch never before heard in relations between the two countries. The United States has suspended the Strategic Alliance indefinitely in retaliation for the annexation and suggested that the seizure of the Golan be rescinded.

The cabinet communique said Israel saw the alliance as canceled, and added "there is no power on earth" that could reverse the annexation. Cabinet Secretary Arye Naor said the statement he was reading was the text of what Begin had told U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis shortly before the cabinet met.

Begin accused Washington of punishing Israel three times in the past six months by suspending agreements in the area of military supplies — for the bombing of the Iraqi nuclear research center June 7, the air raid on Palestinian commando headquarters in Beirut July 17, and the Golan annexation last week.

"What kind of talk is this, punishing Israel? Are we your vassal state? Are we a banana republic? Are we 14-year-old boys who get their fingers slapped when they don't behave?" Begin was quoted by the communique as saying to Lewis.

"You have no moral right to preach to us about civilian losses. We have read the history of World War II and we know what happened to civilians when you operated against the enemy." "We have also read the history of the Vietnam war, and about your concept of body counts."

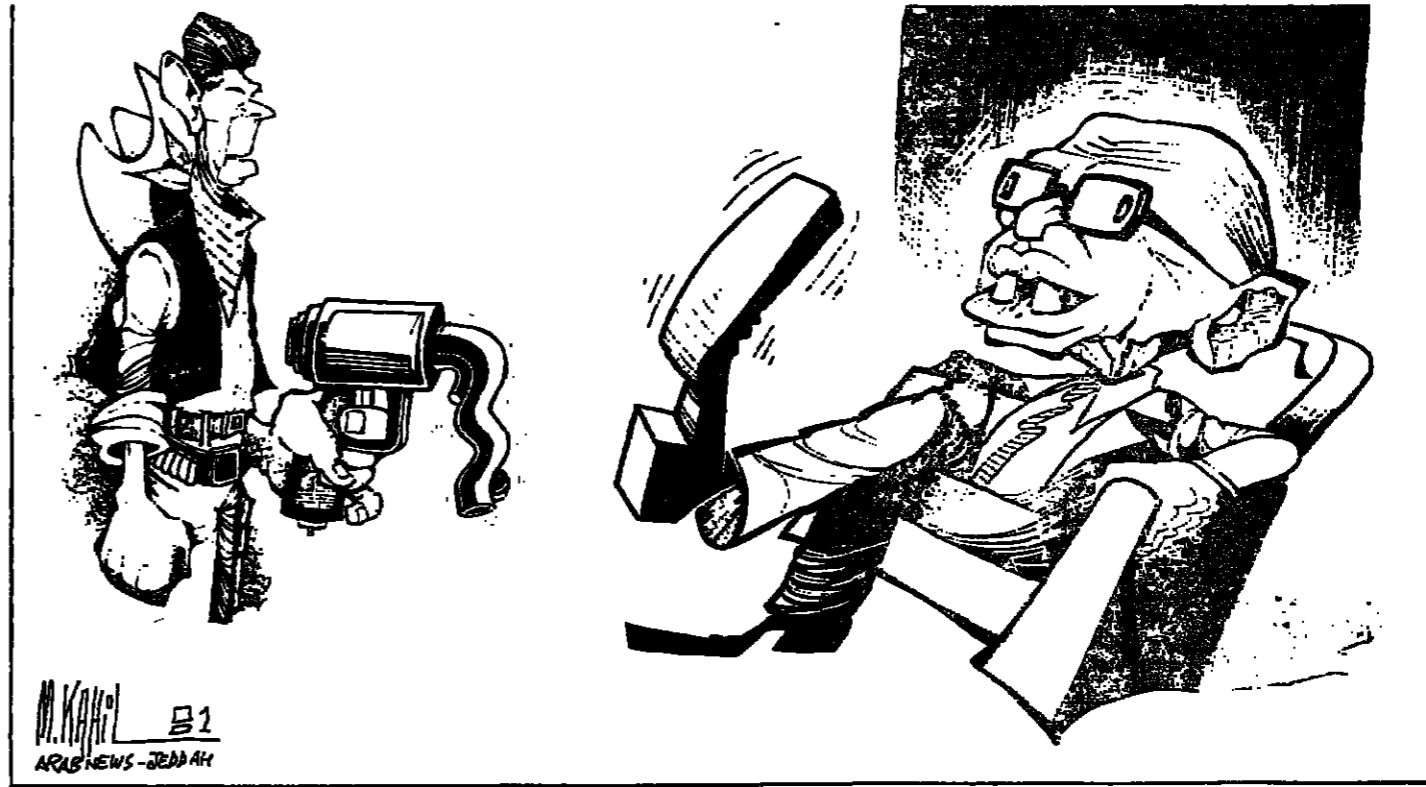
The communique said Begin told Lewis that reactivation of the Strategic Alliance depended on the situation in southern Lebanon and negotiations on Palestinian autonomy — two areas where Israel claims Washington is not working hard enough for a solution. He accused the United States of "holding a 'small boy' to the alliance by threatening to abandon it unless Israel made concessions on autonomy."

"I view your announcement of the suspension of discussion on the Memorandum of Understanding as its cancellation," Begin said. "No Sword of Damocles will hang over our head. We have taken note of the fact that you have suspended the memorandum of understanding."

"The people of Israel have lived 3,700 years without a Memorandum of Understanding with America, and it will live another 3,700 years without it. In our view, this is the cancellation of the memorandum." Israel's fury mirrored the sharp dismay in Washington over the Golan annexation. The Reagan administration said Israel's action had violated the Camp David Mideast accords and U.N. Security Council resolutions 242 and 338, which are the basis of peace hopes in the Middle East.

The Israeli communique left the impression that Begin sought to keep his lines open to President Reagan, while vehemently attacking the State Department.

He said the administration officials who decided on the punishments "broke the word of the president" and the communique said that while the cabinet was meeting, it received a message of warm greetings from Reagan on the occasion of the Jewish holiday of Hanukkah. Surprised by Begin's strident words, reporters asked Naor whether he had



read a statement of cabinet policy. "Of course, the cabinet endorsed it," he replied. Asked whether he had a separate communique on the meeting, Naor said, "This is my communique," meaning the text of Begin's remarks which he had recited.

Begin's statement to Lewis sounded like an outpouring of all the rancor that has built up in Israeli official circles against the Reagan administration's Middle East policy. He said the suspension of U.S. purchases from Israel's arms makers and eased terms for Israeli payments for weapons reminded him of "Dr. ... general had said when asked how to deal with Jewish terrorists in Palestine: 'The best way to influence this race is to hit them in their pocket.'" "You canceled another \$100 million," Begin told Lewis. "What did you want to do, hit us in our pocket...?"

"Now I understand why all the effort in the senate to win approval for the arms deal with Saudi Arabia was accompanied by an ugly anti-semitic campaign. First the slogan Begin or Reagan was sounded, and then it came out that anyone who opposed the deal with Saudi Arabia was supporting a foreign power..."

"Later, it was said that 'We won't let the Jews conduct U.S. foreign policy.' What does this slogan mean...?"

Begin said minority lobbying was legitimate, as seen when Greek-Americans blocked approval of arms sales to Turkey in 1974. "No one will frighten the great and free Jewish congregation in the United States. No one will succeed in deterring them with anti-semitic propaganda," he said.

Commenting on Israel's refusal to rescind the Golan annexation, Begin said "There is not a man in the entire world who can influence the Knesset (parliament) to cancel the (Golan) law which was passed by two-thirds of the house."

Begin told Lewis to inform Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig "that the Golan Heights law will remain in effect."

Meanwhile, Simon Pines, leader of the opposition in parliament, called for renewed dialogue with the United States to mend fences. "I don't think anger and annoyance are the only possible reactions," he said with muted criticism of Begin's statement.

## Mitterrand puts off trip to Israel

PARIS, Dec. 20 (R) — French President Francois Mitterrand has decided to postpone an official visit to Israel, due in February, as a protest against the Zionist state's annexation of the Golan Heights, diplomatic sources said Sunday.

The sources said Mitterrand informed Arab League Secretary-General Chedli Klibi of his decision during talks in Paris Friday and would make a formal announcement in the next few days. Duty officers at the Elysee Presidential Palace and the External Relations Ministry had no immediate comment. Mitterrand would have been the first French president to visit Israel. He had been scheduled to arrive Feb. 10 for a three-day stay.

Israel occupied the Syrian Golan Heights during the 1967 war and has remained there ever since. Monday's decision by the Knesset (parliament) to annex the Heights provoked an angry reaction throughout the world.

Mitterrand said after his election in May that Israel would be among the first countries he would visit. But he postponed plans to visit Israel after the Israeli Air Force destroyed a nuclear research center in Iraq June 7. The president paid his first official foreign visit to Saudi Arabia at the end of September.

The French government condemned the Israeli decision to annex the Golan Heights after its weekly cabinet meeting Wednesday. A French communique said: "The cabinet has been informed of the decision of the Israeli government to extend Israeli legislation and administration to the occupied Syrian territory of the Golan. The French government denounces this initiative as contrary to international law and United Nations resolutions."

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## U.S. gives refuge to Polish envoy

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP) — Poland's ambassador to the United States, Romuald Sposowski, has asked for and been granted political asylum in the United States because of the crisis in his homeland, U.S. Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig disclosed Sunday.

Haig said President Reagan directed that asylum be given the ambassador and his family. In an appearance on CBS program "Face the Nation," Haig disclosed that Sposowski had requested asylum Saturday for himself, his wife, daughter and son-in-law. He said Sposowski would make a statement later in the day.

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## 'Russia building bases near Aden'

BAHRAIN, Dec. 20 (R) — The Soviet Union is building a new military command center and missile bases in South Yemen, according to an Omani weekly received here Sunday.

The center at Jebel Hal, overlooking the South Yemen capital Aden, would replace the existing Soviet joint headquarters at Khormaksar civil and military airport in Aden, *The Times of Oman* said. Besides increasing its air and naval facilities, the Soviet Union is installing missile bases in the Aden suburbs of Al-Mansoura, Bir Fadhl and Ear Saad and at Sagiya on the North Yemen border, the weekly said, quoting what it called diplomatic sources in Aden.

The 12th Soviet Air Squadron, which includes fighter, reconnaissance and troop-carrying aircraft, is based at an airfield at Bir Fadhl, east of Aden, *The Times of Oman* said. A new military area is being established on the Aden coast.

## Top China cities listed

PEKING, Dec. 20 (AFP) — China now has 13 cities with populations of more than one million, *The China Youth News* reported Sunday.

Heading the list is Shanghai, the eastern coastal metropolis, with 11.3 million people, according to figures published at the end of last year. Next is Peking with 8.7 million, followed by Tianjin with 7.4 million.

The other one million-plus cities are Shenyang, Changchun and Harbin in the industrial northeast, Taiyuan, Wuhan and Xian in central China, Nanjing in the east, Chengdu and Chongqing in the southwest and the southern city of Canton.

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# Electric projects awarded



Dr. Ghazi Algosabi

RIYADH, Dec. 20 (SPA) — More than SR540 million worth of electricity projects have been awarded by the General Electricity Corporation recently.

The corporation's board Sunday approved the awarding of a SR120 million project to an international company to build the main transmission stations for the Jof Central Electricity project in addition to a high tension network of 87 kilometers in length.

The board also approved commissioning another SR122 million contract for the supply, installation and operation of branch power plants that are under construction at present as part of the Qasim Central Electricity project. The locations for the generating plants are Sajer, Zulfi, Kharma, Ammar and the airport.

Industry and Electricity Minister Dr. Ghazi Algosabi has signed Saturday two contracts for the Hail Central Electricity Project. The first contract, worth SR79.43 million, calls for establishing a 117-kilometer network of dual circuit and 256 kilometers of a single line network. The contract represents the ninth part of Hail project's low tension network that carries 132 kilovolts.

The second contract, amounting to SR219.15 million, provides for building 14 main transmission stations for the Hail project with a 133-32 kilovolt pressure. They will be built in Hail town, Juthamiya, Muaklat, Ghazalah, Halifah, Nahiyiya, Wasita, Azeem, Jahfa, Baqaa, Mawqif, Darghit, Hair and Kahifiya. The contract represents the second phase of the Hail

electricity project, which will serve 305 towns and villages with a population of 300,000. The number of subscribers is expected to reach 26,200 of which 18,700 will be homes and 7,500 pumping units for irrigation purposes.

Algosabi presided over a meeting of the board, of which he is the chairman, before signing the two contracts. The meeting dealt with promotion of the corporation's personnel and approving the first and second sections of the proposed budget for 1982-83 before submitting it to the Ministry of Finance and National Economy.

The electric utilities sector continues to grow rapidly in response to increasing demand. In 1980, power companies sold more than 18 billion kilowatt-hours of electricity to 824,000 customers — an increase of 35 percent in total sales and 13 percent in the number of customers compared with the previous year, according to the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency's 1980 annual report.

The electricity companies are undertaking a massive expansion of their facilities. Their total capacity at the end of 1980 was 6,527 megawatts, an increase of 49 percent over the previous year, the report added.

# Mina projects to begin soon

JEDDAH, Dec. 20 (SPA) — Work on the SR450 million Prince Fahd project — one of the development schemes of Mina — will begin next week, according to Abdul Aziz Chandoura, director general of the Mina development project, Sunday.

Ghandoura said that a contract for leveling the ground at Mina area has been awarded recently, and that work already began on the northern part. Tunnels constructed under the development project are being finished at present, he added. A flyover with a length of 300 meters has been completed linking the Hajar Al-Kabsh area to the Suq Al-Arab. Another 100-meter flyover with a length of 300 meters has been completed linking the Hajar Al-Kabsh area to the Suq Al-Arab. Another 100-meter flyover also has been finished in the southern part of Azizya.

A water tank with a capacity of 600,000 cubic meters is under construction and completion is expected in 1983. A larger one, with a capacity of one million cubic meters, will be under use during the 1984 pilgrimage season, Ghandoura said.

The problem of sewage water overflow in Mina's streets has been studied. The cause was determined as misuse and the solution will be to dig a partial network with openings at an interval of 100 meters. The overflowing water will go into these holes which are connected to the operating sewage network. Ghandoura said that the partial network will not interfere with the execution of the storm water drainage project for Mina, which will begin shortly.

In another development, the board of the Eastern Province Water and Sewage Department met Saturday evening under Eastern Province Governor Prince Abdul Mohsen bin Jiluwi, who is also the board chairman, and commissioned two projects totalling SR11,296,270.

The first SR6,696,270 project calls for the operation and maintenance of Rahima's water and sewage networks. While the second SR4,600,000 project provides for the operation and maintenance of Abqiq. The board also discussed the draft budget for the opening of a branch for the department in Jubail after agreement had been secured from Prince Mi'eb, the minister of public works and housing and acting municipal and rural affairs minister.

# Morocco gets \$22m for vegetable oil

JEDDAH, Dec. 20 (SPA) — The Jeddah-based Islamic Development Bank Sunday approved a \$22 million loan to Morocco for financing its vegetable oil imports. The interest-free loan agreement was signed by IDB President Dr. Ahmed Muhammad Ali and Moroccan Ambassador to the Kingdom, Dr. Zain-ul-Abiedin Al-Alawi.

# Finance Ministry sets guidelines

## New law regulates money changers

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Dec. 20 — The Ministry of Finance and National Economy in Riyadh issued a new law regulating the money exchange profession throughout the Kingdom. The new law went into effect Friday when it was in the government's official gazette, the *Ummal Qura*.

According to the gazette, the new law provides that no more licenses will be given for prospective money changers for the present time since sufficient businesses are now operating. The law bans money changers from accepting deposits and restricts them to money changing only. The money changers were given three years to clear their deposits business, and any other business that are those of regular banks.

After government economists and officials have issued the regulations, any new potential money changing businessman will have to ensure that he will abide by the new regulations and specific rules, the report added.

In addition, all money exchange operations, activities and accounts will be controlled by the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency (SAMA). Money changers will have to provide an annual budget and allocate a monetary reserve, which will be determined by SAMA.

According to the new law, operations and activities in banking will be excluded from the sphere of money changer's services. Banking activities will be confined to banks, and offenders will be penalized, the report said.

The report also said that money exchangers now are requested by the new law to extend to their customers certain facilities

determined by SAMA and the Finance Ministry. The law also encourages the establishment of large banking institutions. The new regulations were prepared by the Finance Ministry according to the instructions of the Council of Ministers.

Predating the new law that is to come into effect is the Banking Control Law of 1966 and its later amendments that say no person

can carry out banking business without being licensed under SAMA, with the exception that "licensed money-changers may practice basically exchange of currency in the form of notes and coins, but no other banking business."

This was defined as "the business of receiving money on current or fixed deposit account, opening of current accounts, opening of letters of credit, issuance of letters of guarantee, payment and collection of checks, orders or payment orders" and other bills, papers and foreign exchange.

According to an earlier report, service is the key to the money changers' success. In the words of an admiring banking competitor, "they are always ready to do business gracefully — entrepreneurs." Checks take days, sometimes weeks to cash at banks as they wait for clearance. Money changers invariably do it on the spot, on trust. Their exchange rates are usually better.

# Money changers changing with times

JEDDAH — Money changing always has flourished in Saudi Arabia, but the real boom came only in the 1970s and continues until this day. Before that it depended heavily on the annual pilgrims of the hajj and those who came to perform the minor pilgrimage, umra.

Yemeni nationals formed the largest single foreign community in the Kingdom in the past — providing much of the money changers' business by buying Yemeni riyals on their way home and remitting funds to their families. Banks arrived late, appearing only when Saleh and Muhammad Kaaki joined their former employer and Jeddah dealers Salem bin Mahfooz, from Hadhramaut, to form what is now the largest bank in the Middle East, the National Commercial Bank.

With stability returning to the Kingdom under the late King Abdul Aziz, more pilgrims came from abroad bringing their currencies of gold and silver coins. As business thrived, more money changers came into the market including Saleh and Sulaiman Al Rajihi, the immensely successful moneychangers.

While the pilgrimage always was the big season for money changing it is now simply a bulge in an all-season business with the hundreds of thousands of expatriates stationed here the year around.

—Farouk Lugman

# Gastronomes open 'eat meet' in Al Khobar

By Al Khobar Bureau

AL KHOBAR, Dec. 19 — After successfully opening chapters in Riyadh and Jeddah last week, the Chaine Des Rotisseurs, the prestigious international gourmet association, had its inaugural dinner at Alkhobar's Meridien Hotel.

Monsieur Valby, the Association's chancellor, Saturday welcomed the 25 guests who partook of a 12-course meal prepared by Meridien head chef, Joel Guillaume.

Begun shortly after the end of World War II, the Chaine Des Rotisseurs was the brainchild of three French gastronomes who, tired of the limited menus required by food rationing, wished to celebrate the culinary accomplishments possible in an open food market. The sole aim of the 200 world-wide chapters is gastronomic pleasure, a pleasure which commands a high price even for those who can afford it: the inaugural meal at the Meridien cost SR200.

# Warning issued on red tape system

JEDDAH, Dec. 20 — Tabuk Governor Prince Abdul Majeed ibn Abdul Aziz has issued a circular to all heads of government departments and sections in his district warning them that, according to Crown Prince Fahd's instructions, an enquiry will be opened with anyone delaying action on a case for more than three days.

The person responsible will be asked immediately to explain the reason for the delay, failing which he will be penalized for negligence in his duty. The prince urged civil servants to do their utmost to ensure the citizen's comfort, according to *Al-Medina* Sunday.

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**For overstaying**

**9,200 aliens arrested**

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Dec. 20 — About 9,200 illegal residents have been rounded up in Jeddah, Makkah and Taif during the period between Dec. 1 and Dec. 18, according to the Illegal Residents Combating Force officials.

Al-Nadwa daily reported Sunday that a majority of those arrested were of Pakistani, Egyptian and Sudanese nationalities with others from various countries. It said that Gen. Jaber Abdul Hafeez, Commander of the Illegal Residents Combating Force, led

the campaign.

The paper said that Jeddah came first in the number of illegal residents detained. It was followed by Makkah and then Taif. "So far, about 5,000 of those arrested have been cleared for deporting" after completing their formalities, the paper said. Regular reports are being submitted to Interior Minister Prince Naif and his deputy, Prince Ahmad, who are following the operations.

The command urged sponsors to provide official documents to their employees or the persons they sponsor in case the latter are travelling from one area to another inside the Kingdom. The papers should specify the period the sponsored persons intend to stay in a certain area, other than where they reside. The date when the document was issued should be indicated clearly to facilitate the task of security men, the command said.

Sponsors are relieved of any responsibility if they report immediately to the passports offices when a person they sponsor has escaped, and publish the information in the local press. But if they fail to do that they will be subject to penalty, the command said.

Most of those arrested are people who came for umra or the pilgrimage and overstayed after the expiry of their visas. The campaign against them will continue until all people residing illegally are deported. The command has its own methods to discover hiding places of the illegal residents, the paper said.

**Farsi to speak at UPM college**

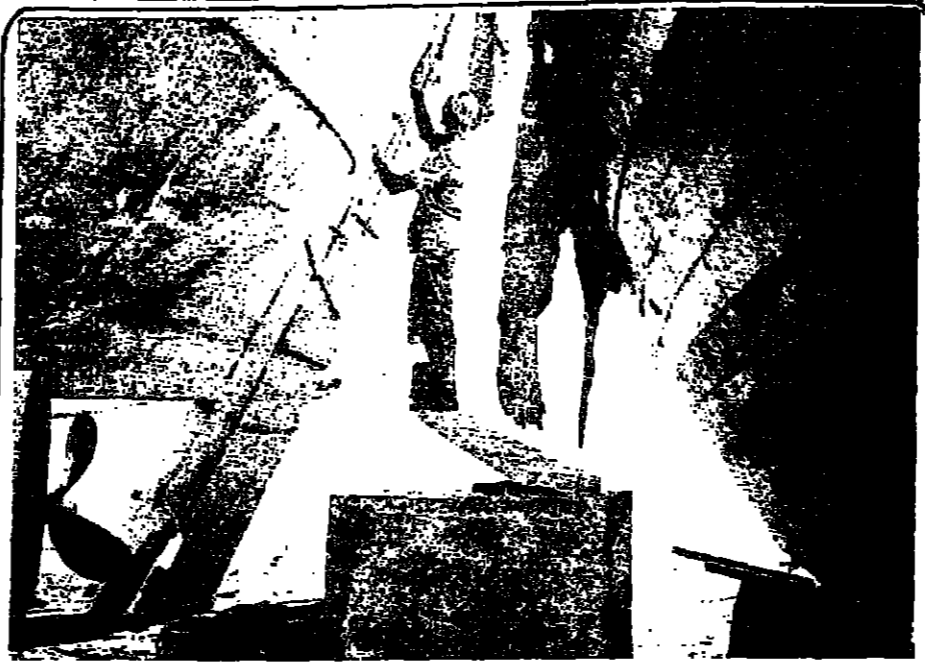
By Maher Abbas

JEDDAH, Dec. 20 — Mayor Muhammad Said Farsi will discuss Jeddah's plans at an open dialogue in the University of Petroleum and Minerals of Dhahran Dec. 26. The meeting will be with students of the Planning and Engineering College and will be attended by Barakat Bajnaid, deputy Jeddah mayor.

Kamel Gumusani, director of lands and conferences department at the municipality, told Arab News Sunday that the event was organized at the invitation of UPM Rector Dr. Bakr Abdullah Bakr.

Gumusani added that an exhibition about Jeddah will be held at the university's campus. Paintings and photographs about the city, displayed recently at an exhibition in Belgium, will be on show. The 300 paintings and photographs illustrate the old and modern Jeddah and its Islamic traditions and culture.

Discussing another subject, Gumusani said that the municipality will submit to the Finance and National Economy Ministry this month the final studies regarding compensations to owners of expropriated land in various parts of the city.



OLD CHARM: One of the oldest dhows, although now motorized, that still form the mainstay of fishermen in the country, gets a new coat of paint. A new fishing company, the Saudi Fisheries Company, has been formed recently to increase the supplies of fish to the Kingdom's markets, which one day, make such boats a bit obsolete although it will not be able to replace their lasting charm.

**Yemeni official visits air academy**

RIYADH, Dec. 20 (SPA) — North Yemeni Chief of the Armed Forces Staff Col. Abdul Aziz Al Barati visited Sunday the King Faisal Air Academy as part of his current tour of military establishments in the country.

Col. Barati, who is a guest of Chief of Staff Gen. Muhammad Al-Hammad, inspected various sections in the academy and met with the senior officers. He was guided by Col. Mansour Al Jawaini, deputy commander of the academy.

Later on Col. Barati visited King Abdul Aziz Military College where he was welcomed by Lt. Col. Sulaiman Al-Shubaily, its commander.

He inspected the signal section and the military museum and listened to a report of the college history and operation.

Earlier in the morning he held talks with Gen. Hammad on further boosting bilateral relations.

**Eight fairs planned**

JEDDAH, Dec. 20 — At least eight international fairs are planned at Al-Harthi expo center here this year, according to Al-Madinah Sunday. These include the Arab Health Exhibition (Feb. 20 to 25), the Model House Exhibition (March 24 to April 2), an international commodity exhibition (March 24 to April 2), the International Turkish Exhibition (April 23 to May 1), the National Industries Exhibition (May 16 to 22), the International Tourism Exhibition (June 5 to 11), the Suq Okaz Exhibition (July 2 to 15), and the Middle East Construction Exhibition next October.

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discuss with Iranian officials all those matters which concern Iran and the Gulf states. "We cannot open a door that they have closed; if they open it, they will get full understanding and cooperation from us," he added.

Prince Naif said Saudi Arabia's attitude on the Gulf war was "an Arab position supporting Iraq." But the Kingdom was also backing efforts to settle the conflict "to preserve the blood of Muslims," he added. Asked why the Gulf states did not act against the Iranian regime, the minister replied: "Iran has become a source of danger. But our duty is to defend ourselves and not to attack others."

Prince Naif said the Kingdom had offered to sign security cooperation agreements with

the other GCC members — Bahrain, Kuwait, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates and Oman. "Some have agreed while others are still considering the matter," he said.

Meanwhile, a Bahraini newspaper Akhbar Al-Khaleej published an interview with Prince Naif Sunday, in which he held Iran responsible for the recent plot and said that Iran cannot absolve itself of this crime.

Prince Naif called upon the Iranian regime to renounce its present policy and to prove its good and sincere intentions toward the Gulf states. With confidence and good intentions prevailing, it would not be difficult to create the factors of stability in this part of the world, he said.

**For drought-stricken states**

**OIC discusses food aid**

By Ahmad Shaaban

JEDDAH, Dec. 20 — A working group on emergency food aid for the people of the drought-stricken countries of the African Sahel opened here Sunday at the General Secretariat of the 42-nation Organization of the Islamic Conference. The group was set up by a sub-committee of the Islamic Solidarity Committee with the People of the Sahel, which met here last November and will meet again Dec. 24 to consider the recommendations submitted to it by the group.

The group will examine statistics, data and statements forwarded by the Executive Secretariat of the Inter-State Committee on Drought Control in the Sahel known as CILSS (the French abbreviation of Comité Inter-Etats de Lutte Contre la Secheresse au Sahel). The information deals with the requirements of the states that are affected by the drought (Cape Verde, Chad, Guinea,

Guinea-Bissao, Fambia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal and Upper Volta) in the form of food assistance. CILSS is providing the details of the kinds, quantities and specifications of this food as well as the transportation and storage facilities of these states.

Also high on the meeting's agenda is the preparation of studies and a time-table for the preparation of the documents and data, and the presentation of the technical recommendations for the invitation of international tenders for the import of the necessary food items.

Furthermore, the group will prepare the proformas of the proposed notice for the invitation of tenders within a specific period and according to certain terms and conditions to be approved by the sub-committee. Another group will meet before the sub-committee to deal exclusively with projects for the benefit of the Sahel people. It will also be held at the OIC Secretariat, on Dec. 22-23.

**Relating to corporate decisions**

**Senior managers study problems**

By Devadas Kini

Arab News Staff

TAIF, Dec. 20 — A four-day management seminar for Saudi Arabian senior managers resumed here Saturday. According to John F. Archer, chairman of Archer, Smith and Associates, S.A., a Brussels — and Riyadh-based management consultancy firm, the seminar is the first of its kind in the Kingdom.

The group is co-sponsors of the seminar along with the Saudi Arabian consulting group of Abdullah H. Tariki and Company. Some of the most important decision makers of Saudi Arabian industries have been brought together to analyze and discuss various management problems. Representatives are attending from such companies as Arabian-American Oil Co., the Juffali group, Riyadh Bank, Royal Commission for Jubail

and Yanbu, Olayan Financing Co., SABIC and the Al-Zamil group.

A variety of teaching methods are being used in the seminar such as lectures, readings, small group discussions and the case method, which was pioneered at the Harvard Business School more than 50 years ago. On Sunday the participants discussed a key strategic decision as to whether or not a company should stay in its basic business and the decision could only be arrived at only after taking into consideration the economics and the nature of the industry, the strategy of the dominant competitor and the internal organizational strengths.

The discussion was led by Prof. M.Y. Yoshino who is a specialist in international business and business policy; and Prof. F.J. Aguilar, an authority on corporate finance and investment banking.

**Fahd to attend graduation**

DAMMAM, Dec. 20 — Crown Prince Fahd on Wednesday will honor the first class of 36 medical doctors at King Faisal University here. They include 23 men and 13 women graduates. The dean of the faculty of Medicine told Al-Madinah Sunday that he thanked Prince Fahd for announcing that he will come personally — which is expressive of his and the state's interest in education in general, and medical sciences in particular.

**Merchants reminded of tariff increase**

DAMMAM, Dec. 20 — The Chamber of Commerce in the Eastern Region has advised merchants and importers of certain goods and foodstuffs that the customs duties on them will be increased from three to 30 percent, it was announced here Sunday.

The advice was based on a resolution by the Council of Ministers to raise the duties on dry batteries, matches, common salt, children's diapers and women's sanitary napkins.

On the other hand, the chamber informed importers of Pakistani rice that they may import their requirements directly from that country at the rate of \$700 per ton. The price had been agreed on as a result of negotiations between the Commerce Ministry and the Pakistan Rice Export Organization.

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The full text for accepted presentations should reach the organizers not later than the middle of March, 1982.

All correspondence should be addressed to: SECRETARIAT OF THE 7th SAUDI MEDICAL MEETING, COLLEGE OF MEDICINE AND MEDICAL SCIENCES, KING FAISAL UNIVERSITY, P.O. BOX 2114, DAMMAM

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### Iraqis repel Iran forces

BEIRUT, Dec. 20 (R) — Iraq said Sunday its troops had launched a counter-attack against Iranian forces in the Gulf war and forced them to retreat. The official Iraqi News Agency quoted a military official as saying the Iraqis mounted the attack Saturday in the mountainous border area around Gilan-e-Gharb and Sumar in western Iran, scene of fierce fighting for more than a week. The official said 150 Iranians had been killed and many wounded.

### Red China predicts new provocations by Israel

PEKING, Dec. 20 (R) — China said Sunday the Middle East promised to be an epicenter of the world's political and military earthquake in 1982. In a year-end roundup of views by its Middle East correspondents, the New China News Agency predicted new provocations by Israel, including a possible delay in its withdrawal from Sinai. The United States was not likely to change its bias toward Israel, it said, and it was impossible for the Soviet Union to stop trying to stir up trouble. The agency said the only bright spot was that Arab countries would continue a trend toward unity and would play an ever greater role in the settlement of the Middle East issue. The agency concluded: "The peace talks on the Middle East issue will certainly continue. But the interference by the United States and the Soviet Union and the sabotage by Israel must be thwarted."

### Egypt, Sudan seek to bar African summit in Libya

KHARTOUM, Dec. 20 (AFP) — Egypt and Sudan were attempting to bar the next Organization of African Unity (OAU) summit from being held in Libya next year, according to an interview with Egyptian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Butros Ghali published here Saturday by the daily Sudanese paper *Al-Sahafa*. The two countries would send joint or separate delegations to tour African countries to dissuade them from participating in an OAU summit in the Libyan capital Tripoli, Ghali told the paper. It would be extremely harmful to African policy if Libyan leader Col. Muammar Qaddafi became OAU chairman, the Egyptian minister said. In Cairo late Saturday night, the official Egyptian news agency published a clarification of the remarks attributed to Ghali in the interview. It said they were to be taken to reflect Egyptian policy after the OAU summit this June in Nairobi, and before Libya withdrew its expeditionary force from Chad last month, as stipulated by that summit. The late Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, who was killed in October, had persistently opposed the holding of an OAU summit in Libya. On Middle East affairs, Ghali said Egyptian contacts were under way with a number of African heads of state to formulate an African-sponsored peace plan. He did not name them, nor elaborate on the envisaged peace plan. Egypt would pursue the peace process with Israel, Ghali said, as no alternative had yet been offered to replace the four-year-old Camp David agreement.

### Car bomb blast kills two in Beirut

BEIRUT, Dec. 20 (Agencies) — Two persons were killed in West Beirut Sunday evening when a car bomb exploded near the sector housing the main Palestinian and Lebanese nationalist offices. A car bomb that exploded in the area Saturday killed 11 persons and wounded 20 others. On Saturday night residents reported shelling and machine gun fire along the green line separating east and west Beirut, but there were no immediate reports of casualties. Earlier in the day, a small charge exploded at a bakery in east Beirut, injuring a man.

### Kuwait premier holds Libya talks

BEIRUT, Dec. 20 (R) — Kuwaiti Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al-Abdullah Al-Sabah had talks with Libyan officials in Tripoli Saturday night, the official Libyan news Agency Jana reported Sunday. The agency gave no details of his discussions with the officials, who included Maj. Abdul Salam Jalloud, second in command to Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi.

while unknown attackers outside the capital destroyed a helicopter belonging to the 30,000-strong Syrian peacekeeping force. The helicopter had been parked with two others at a school used as a heliport near Rayak in eastern Lebanon, site of an important air base. A leftist radio station said later that Syrian peacekeeping troops had defused a bomb in a car left under a bridge on the road to Beirut Airport. The violence flared as rescue workers were still digging through the rubble of the Iraqi Embassy, demolished in a huge explosion Tuesday.

He will also visit Tunisia, Algeria, Mauritania and Morocco.

### American departure from Libya

### Complete evacuation set for end of January

TRIPOLI, Dec. 20 (AFP) — The 1,500 or so U.S. citizens living in Libya will have left the country by the end of January. Western circles here believe. About 100, including employees of the Mobil Oil Company and families of personnel for the Occidental Oil Company, have already gone. Complete evacuation by the end of next month appears to be the compromise finally reached in Washington between U.S.-based oil companies operating in Libya and the State Department. President Ronald Reagan earlier this month called for Americans working in Libya to leave the country "as soon as possible," and Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger ordered the 6th U.S. Fleet in the Mediterranean to be ready to evacuate the Americans if necessary.

The departure of U.S. citizens, most of whom are employed in the oil industry, is part of a series of measures by the Reagan administration designed to isolate the regime of Col. Muammar Qaddafi, whom Washington has consistently accused of supporting international terrorism, undermining the interests of the United States and its allies and destabilizing neighboring states. The last straw came at the beginning of this month, when the U.S. claimed that Libya had sent an assassination squad to kill Reagan. Proof of the existence of this squad has so far not materialized.

To leave his hands free to deal with Qaddafi, President Reagan gave U.S. citizens a stark option: Leave Libya or lose your American passports. Most Americans will be going with reluctance. Several of them have lived here for 10 years or so in comfortable circumstances and in no way feel threatened. The departure of the U.S. experts will have a limited effect on the Libyan economy. Most of the American companies, which produce 60 percent of Libya's oil, intend to carry on operating here with employees from other countries, especially if they succeed in obtaining better conditions in negotiations they are currently conducting with the Libyan authorities.

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# Goukouni says OAU peace unit 'useless'

LIBREVILLE, Gabon, Dec. 20 (AFP) — Chadian President Goukouni Oueddei Sunday blasted the inter-African peacekeeping force now in Chad as "useless," calling for its replacement by contingents from outside Africa. Goukouni said he wanted the force to play a more active role in fighting the rebels of his former Defense Minister Hissene Habre.

But he added that it was "premature" to say whether Chad envisaged officially calling for the withdrawal of the force of Nigerian, Senegalese and Zairean troops assembled by the Organization of African Unity, brought in to replace Libyan forces which the Chadian president had earlier asked to leave.

Goukouni said that his government of national unity was in "profound disagreement" with the OAU over the role of the peacekeeping force, and he accused OAU Chairman Daniel Arap Moi of not keeping to the decision on the force taken at the OAU summit in Nairobi last summer.

"For us the document signed by the Chadian government and the OAU on the neutral force is clear; it stipulates that this force must ensure the security and integrity of Chad. But in the field its role is a passive one, and therefore useless," Goukouni said.

The Chadian government therefore saw no point in maintaining and keeping the OAU troops on its territory since they were doing nothing to fulfill their agreed role, he added. It was better to hope for troops from outside Africa whose job would be to contribute effectively to the rebuilding and training of the Chadian army, the president added.

OAU officials have said that the inter-African troops would be assigned operational zones of Chad to defend, but they have made it clear that the OAU contingents would not be used to clear areas already occupied by Habre's Armed Forces of the North (FAN). Goukouni said: "We have a duty to insist on the strict application of the Nairobi resolution, for we are convinced that many things are done without Chad's knowledge," in the name of solidarity with our country."

The Chadian president also denied that his government had ever wanted to control the inter-African force. "We only want the OAU to give it a military role as the texts stipulate," he said.

Goukouni said that the role of Egypt and Sudan — which have been accused of aiding the FAN — was unclear. They had pledged not to help Habre, he said, adding however that he hoped to find out more on a forthcoming visit to Sudan at an unspecified date.

Goukouni who attended the summit of the Central African Customs and Economic Union (UDEAC) which concluded here Saturday, said he had not sought talks with OAU Secretary-General Edem Kodjo, attending as an observer.

## Kyprianou starts visit to Iraq

LARNACA, Cyprus, Dec. 20 (AP) — President Spyros Kyprianou of Cyprus left here Sunday for a three-day official visit to Iraq.

Talking to airport newsmen Kyprianou said during his visit he will discuss matters relating to next September's summit meeting of the leaders of nonaligned states in Baghdad and other bilateral issues including the expansion of trade between the two countries.



**BORDER POINT:** Two Israeli soldiers (foreground) look at an armed U.N. soldier manning the U.N. checkpoint in Kuneitra in the occupied Golan Heights. Since the announcement Dec. 14 to annex the Syrian Golan Heights, Israel has been reinforcing its positions in the north.

## One child killed Afghan helicopters strafe refugee camps in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, Dec. 20 (AFP) — One Afghan child was killed and two refugee huts destroyed when six Afghan helicopter gunships intruded Pakistani territory strafing and rocketing a refugee village near the border post Miran Shah on Friday, official sources said here Sunday.

The Afghan charge d'affaires was summoned to the foreign ministry Sunday and handed a "strong protest" over this "grave violation" of Pakistani territory, the third in a month, the sources added.

The Afghan helicopters made two similar sorties over Pakistan's northwest frontier province earlier this month in which two refugees died and over a dozen were wounded. Pakistan's previous protests were rejected by the Afghan Foreign Ministry as "propaganda aimed at frustrating Kabul's

efforts to settle the Afghanistan question." In Friday's incident, the sources said that the helicopters penetrated 28 kms inside Pakistani territory north of the garrison town of Miran Shah in what is known as the tribal Waziristan Agency. They strafed and rocketed refugee camps in the area resulting in death of a child and destruction of two huts.

The charge d'affaires was told that these "wanton attacks" on refugee camps and "unwarranted violation" of Pakistan's airspace were "a threat to peace and contributed to increasing tension" between the two countries, the sources said.

Pakistan again warned Kabul to halt such provocation which would only lead to serious consequences, the sources said.

## On Turkey's new constitution Evren to announce referendum

ANKARA, Dec. 20 (Guardian) — A referendum in 1982 on Turkey's new constitution, expected to be unveiled late next summer, is expected to be announced soon by the country's military ruler, Gen. Kenan Evren. The referendum will be interpreted as a pledge to clear the way for the formation of political parties and general elections in 1983.

Turkey's generals are now seriously alarmed at the strains on their relations with the Council of Europe and the EEC and despite recent statements by Prime Minister Bulend Ulusu and the economics minister, Turgut Ozal that Turkey would pull out of the Council of Europe if pressed too hard, such a move would run counter to the generals' deepest instincts.

Many Turks feel however that the military regime is now facing a serious dilemma, partly precipitated by its own mistakes but also to some extent reflecting European misapprehensions about Turkey.

Though the military leadership gives little about its internal divisions, there are increasing signs of a rift at the top. Hardline generals believe that the military have to stay in power for several years if Turkey is not to drift back into the kind of political and economic chaos of the late 1970s. They believe that the country may have to defy European opinion. Other leaders believe that time is running out and a compromise will be necessary.

Even sympathizers of the generals admit that Turkey's human rights record now poses a major stumbling block. Because of European criticisms of alleged cases of torture, lengthy jail sentences on critics of the regime, and the holding of prominent leftwing trade unionists in jail for a year before putting them on trial to face a possible death sentence, European governments are now pressing the military to show signs of an early return to democracy.

"Human rights and democracy are not the same things," says one Ankara journalist. "Europe is pressing us to restore democracy. But it will simply end up by reinstating Demirel and the problems we had two years ago."

The assumption here is that the suicidal rivalry of Turkey's civilian politicians has not been altered by 15 months of army rule. What is more, Demirel seems poised to emerge with a majority in the expected elections of 1983, even if he is prevented from standing in them himself.

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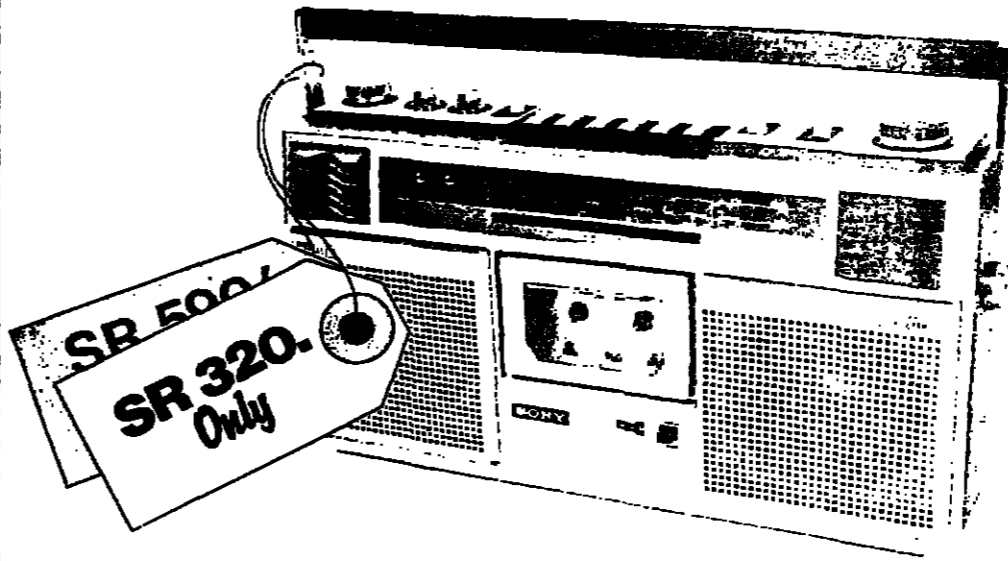
TEL AVIV, (AP) — One person died Sunday when fire broke out in a Greek cruise ship with 200 tourists aboard as it steamed in to Haifa's harbor, a port spokesman said. The dead man, who was trapped in a cabin below deck, was not identified. There was an explosion on the *Aries* as it approached the port, spokesman Yair Bar-Mashiah said.

PEKING, (R) — Turkey and China have invited each other's leaders to pay official visits, the New China News Agency said Sunday. Chinese Premier Zhao Ziyang extended invitations to Turkish Head of State Kenan Evren and Prime Minister Bulend Ulusu at a meeting Saturday with Turkish Foreign Minister Ihter Turkmen. Turkmen extended an invitation to Zhao to visit Turkey, which was accepted, the agency said.

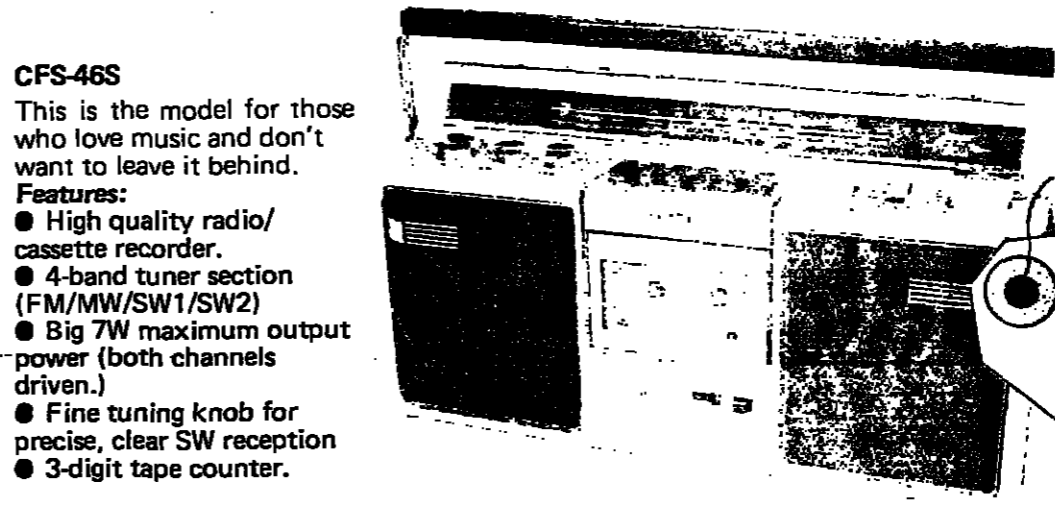
AMMAN, (AP) — Italian Foreign Minister Emilio Colombo will visit Jordan on Jan. 8 to discuss bilateral relations and the Middle East situation, Jordanian newspapers reported Sunday.

MADRID, (AFP) — Nearly a kilo of heroin valued at 70 million pesetas (about \$750,000) has been seized here by police who arrested two Lebanese and two Moroccans in the last few days, police sources said Sunday.

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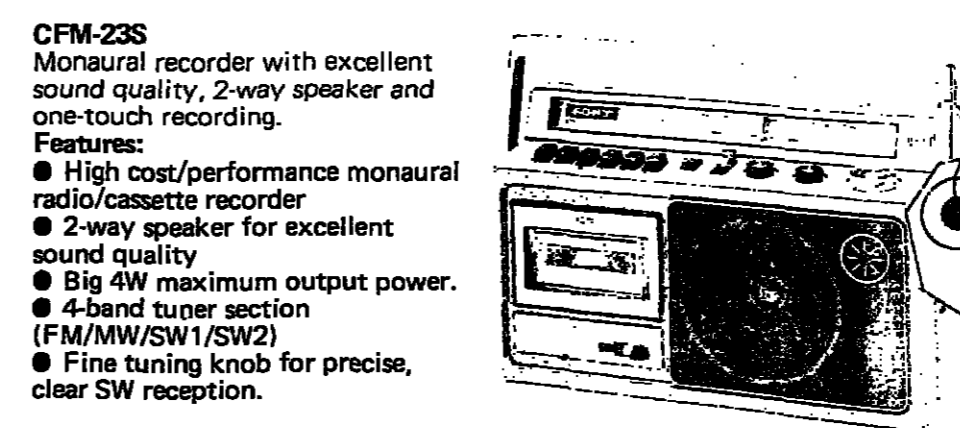
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## Professional 'go-betweens'

# Former commandos begin new service which negotiates with kidnappers

By Susan Morgan

GUATEMALA CITY (ONS) — Two former officers in Britain's elite commando group, the SAS, have made a new career for themselves in Central America: They provide a professional "go-between" service to negotiate the release of kidnap victims.

Recently 'David' and 'Chris' took a flight in a private plane from Guatemala City to San Salvador. They sat in the back seats studying a thick black folder containing all the details of the abduction of Teofilo Siman, a wealthy Salvadoran businessman, by a left-wing guerrilla group.

Chris left the plane in the Salvador capital and David flew back to Guatemala where the partners were working on the similar Valdez O'Connell case (this family owned the plane) and two other abductions.

They were confident they could conclude the two cases successfully. "We've managed in almost every case we've undertaken", said David.

Kidnapping has become endemic in Central and South America. Abduction for ransom (rather than just plain political murder) is widespread in countries like Salvador and Guatemala, where right-wing regimes face leftist guerrilla groups eager to terrorize their enemies and raise funds for their operations. American officials estimate that since 1970 Salvadoran left-wing groups have made \$178 million from kidnappings.

Not only the left is involved. Many of the kidnappings in Guatemala (although made to

look left-wing operations) are carried out by the extreme right.

Police and armed forces are getting in on the act too. In Honduras last year, a relative of one hostage looked back after leaving the ransom at the required spot and saw two men in army uniforms taking the money. David and Chris told of a recent case in El Salvador where their telephone call to the kidnap gang had been intercepted by the police, who promptly helped themselves to the final drop of \$200,000.

Even where the police are no openly corrupt, their intervention frequently leads to disaster.

The families rarely know what to do, and mishandling negotiations often leads to the victims' death. Before money is handed over, David emphasized, the family must demand "proof of life".

"The kidnappers must ask the kind of question only the victim can answer, like the age of his children, when he had an operation, what kind of physical defects or distinguishing marks he might have," David said. Then, for the clinching "proof of life," get his signature on a copy of today's newspaper or a photograph of him holding up the newspaper. That is literally vital.

It is this kind of know-how the two are in Central America to provide. Along with a third partner, also ex-SAS they bought up a shell company, set up in London and now deal solely in kidnap cases.

Nearly all their work is in the crude and

brutal environment of Central America. So lucrative is the business of teaching the kidnappers and the victims the etiquette of abduction and ransom that they have a permanent suite in one of the most expensive hotels in Guatemala City.

David described some typical stages along the tortuous path from abduction to release.

In one case, the daughter of a wealthy Guatemalan family was seized in broad daylight as she stepped out of her car. The gang then telephoned her family and demanded \$8 million for her release. The family immediately dialed the company's number in London and David was alerted.

He always begins by trying to keep the family clam. He says: "Of course it's traumatic. But if you panic and give in to the kidnapper's demands, he will think he's underestimated what you're worth. Then he wonders to himself why shouldn't he go ahead and demand a further \$3 million before the victim is released."

The waiting is the most nerve-racking part, and the anguish family does not always do as David and Chris advise. Quite often, it can take a year to procure a victim's release. "The ability to wait is the most valuable weapon either side has", David said.

"Psychology is terribly important," said David, "particularly in a political kidnapping. You must always leave the kidnapper an honorable way out, one he can justify to his comrades or superiors if his demands are clearly impractical. If you corner him, he has no choice but to kill the victim."

The nastiest part of the business is when the kidnappers want results quickly and resort to physical violence on their victims. "You remember the case of Getty's nephew — the old man received his ear in the mail after he had refused to pay up", said David. "Well, these people use the same tactics because they are certainly effective."

He recounted the case of a young man kidnapped from a prominent Guatemalan family. "The family had been very brave. But then I had to go and collect a package from a dustbin downtown before returning immediately for a meeting with the family."

"I didn't have time to look at it first myself, but I warned them it was going to be unpleasant. And sure enough, when they unwrapped the dirty newspaper it contained a vial of their 21-year-old son's blood."

Horror tales of this kind are legion. In Guatemala, a family was handed the victim's finger in a hot-dog sandwich by a street urchin. In this case retribution of a kind was achieved by the victim. "We wondered why. Then it transpired it was he who cut the finger off," said a young

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Terror plays an important role. The family have to be demoralized and panicked into never revealing his captors.

In a kidnapping case in El Salvador a victim was kept for six months in a box suspended from the ceiling and fed each day on a single tortilla with bean paste. He lost nearly 50 pounds, almost a quarter of his total body weight. For rearing matter, he was given Soviet economic statistics which he could quote verbatim when he was released.

Although David and Chris try to steer clear of negotiations involving the actual ransom sum, they admit the difficulties they encounter are exacerbated by inflation in the kidnapping business.

At one stage in 1979, left-wing guerrillas were holding a Japanese industrialist, two British employees of Lloyds Bank International, Ian Massie and Michael Chatterton, and a representative of the Swedish telecommunications firm LM Ericsson.

"We helped the British get out at \$8 million for the two," said Chris. "It would have made sense if we could have dealt with all the cases since they were held by the same people. But the other two set the ball rolling by paying a colossal \$11 million for the Japanese industrialist and \$7 million for the Ericsson's man."

Teofilo Siman, whose case was the cause of the flight to Salvador is the vice-president of the Salvadoran Red Cross which has provided humanitarian aid to the guerrillas and runs an orphanage (the children pray for him every night). Although he comes from a rich family with a string of department stores in the country, he is not from its wealthier branch.

David believes that Teofilo Siman was the poor best the guerrillas could now do in finding a victim.

Because of the dearth of suitable targets left in El Salvador, the action is shifting increasingly to Guatemala. But this may be a tougher proposition for the kidnappers and the negotiators. Last December, Cliff Bevens, a 56-year-old official of Goodyear, the U.S. tire manufacturers, was taken from his well-protected Guatemala City apartment by captors disguised as police officers. Goodyear stood firm, understandably worried about other employees in high-risk areas.

David felt that the low ransom "ceiling" imposed by Goodyear, however understandable, was very dangerous. His fears turned out to be only too well-founded. Bevens was shot dead in a gun-battle in Guatemala City in mid-August after the army discovered and then stormed the "safe" house where his guerrilla captors had hidden him for eight months.

The Guatemalan authorities said he was shot dead by members of the Guerrilla Army of the Poor, five of whom were also killed in the shoot-out. But it is possible the soldiers simply shot him by mistake.

Poignantly, a letter addressed to his wife in Oregon was found beside his body. It said he hoped to be freed soon.



YEAR OF THE FISHERMEN: British stamps were recently issued by the post office here showing various marine activities. Cockle-dredging is featured on the 14p stamp showing a trawler making its catch using hydraulic equipment. The 18p stamp portrays a team of fishermen hauling a trawl net over the side of a ship after several hours in a heavy squall. Fishermen hauling lobster pots are shown on the 22p stamp, while the 25p stamp shows them hauling a seine net.

## Mountaineers are intrigued

# Did George Mallory beat Edmund Hillary to Everest?

By David Johnston

LOS ANGELES (LAT) — China's leading mountaineering expert says a legendary British explorer came within 1,200 feet of scaling Mount Everest a half century ago and may have beaten Sir Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay to the top of the world's highest mountain by 29 years.

Shi Zhan Chun, vice president of the Chinese Mountaineering Association, told the Los Angeles Times that since 1960 he has had physical evidence, never before made public, that George Leigh Mallory was within an hour's hike of scaling the 29,028-foot summit before he and a companion disappeared in 1924.

Shi said a 1960 expedition he led up Everest's difficult north face found a short wooden pole and a length of rope belonging to Mallory at 27,880 feet up the Himalayan mountain. Two oxygen bottles from the 1924 expedition were found at slightly lower levels, Shi said.

Tom Holzel, an American Alpinist who has studied the 1924 Mallory expedition extensively, said Shi's statements put Mallory several hundred feet higher than has previously been known. More importantly, Holzel said, they place Mallory past the last major obstacle to conquering Everest, a sheer rock wall known as the second step.

Whether Mallory made it to the top has intrigued mountaineers and researchers around the world for 57 years and controversy has surrounded whether he got past the second step. Shi gave no explanation for failing to disclose his findings for more than 20 years.

In his book, *Triumph On Everest*, Hillary said that when he and Sherpa guide, Tenzing, reached the summit on May 29, 1953, they looked around for signs that Mallory had gotten there first, but found none.

Mallory, 37, and an associate, Andrew Irvine, 22, were last seen at 12:50 p.m. on June 8, 1924, high on the northeast ridge. Noel Odell, the climber who saw them through his telescope, initially reported sighting them above the second step. But he later changed his story and said they must have surmounted only the first step which is at a lower elevation.

Mallory's expedition had been blessed with near perfect weather, but that afternoon the cloudy mists that often shroud Everest's higher reaches, began to thicken until about 2 p.m. when a snow squall began. It lasted two hours.

Had the skies remained clear, Holzel said, the last 1,200 feet to the top would have been

a relatively easy hike across a granite surface. "An ordinary person with no climbing experience could do it if the weather was clear," Holzel said in a telephone interview from his Massachusetts home, "but if there was snow it would be quite treacherous, with nothing to grip onto."

No one knows if Mallory and Irvine stayed together, trying to make it to the summit and back in the few hours remaining before the sun disappeared and temperatures began to plummet, or if Irvine turned back and Mallory pressed on. "Did they die on the way up or, in a cruel twist of fate, on their way down before they could tell the world of their conquest?"

Mountaineers who have studied the 1924 expedition agree that Mallory and Irvine fell, together or separately, their bodies lost among the Everest's many deep crevasses.

Holzel recently published an article in *Summit*, a mountaineering magazine, suggesting Mallory's body could be found on a narrow snow terrace about 1,000 feet below the place where Shi now says his 1960 expedition found the wooden pole and rope.

Holzel urged a search for the bodies in future expeditions in order to recover a folding Kodak camera Mallory wore around his neck. He said Eastman Kodak officials told him that if the film has not gotten wet the frigid cold has probably preserved any images Mallory recorded on it. Holzel added that if Mallory had reached the top he surely would have taken photographs to prove it.

Shi, here to address the American Alpine Club's annual convention, showed a reporter photographs of two oxygen bottles he said his 1960 expedition found.

"We found the climbing equipment (the rope and pole) used by the 1924 Everest climbers in 1960 when we reached 8,500 meters (27,880 feet)," Shi said. We found one oxygen bottle at 7,795 meters. It was made in England, it said so on it."

Holzel said the information about the oxygen bottles, pole and rope was not included in accounts Shi published in 1960, shortly after what Shi claimed was the first known successful expedition up the more difficult north slope of Everest, which had been Mallory's route. Hillary and Tenzing scaled the easier southern side, as have most of the more than 100 climbers to reach the summit since then.

The next conquest of the northern slope came in a 1975 Chinese expedition also led by Shi, who has long been China's chief mountaineering official. He now serves in the ministry of physical culture's All China Sports Federation.

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# ESA's Ariane puts 2 satellites in orbit

PARIS, Dec. 20 (Agencies) — Western Europe's Ariane space rocket was successfully test-fired Sunday from the Kourou Space Center in French Guiana and put two satellites in orbit, French space officials said. The National Space Study Center said this was the Ariane's fourth and last test flight. It is now ready for commercial use.

The aim of the project, designed by the European Space Agency (ESA), is to give the participating countries the capacity to put telecommunication satellites into orbit, making them less dependent on the United States. Ariane is committed to launch 25 satellites by 1985.

French industry is the biggest participant in the program, estimated to have cost some \$1 billion over the past decade, with a share of 59 percent in the project. West Germany has 20 percent and the rest is divided among Belgium, Denmark, Spain, the Netherlands, Italy, Britain, Sweden, Switzerland and Ire-

land. Four Arianes have already been ordered by Intelsat, the Washington-based international telecommunications network. The Arab Telecommunications Satellite Program has also signed a \$350 million contract for three Arianes.

Several foreign delegations were at the launch site for just such commercial reasons. A Brazilian group led by Telecommunications Minister Haroldo Correa de Matos will decide several weeks from now whether France or Canada will construct its "Brazil-Sat" communications satellite.

A delegation from Colombia, which also intends to give itself a telecommunications system, was present.

In a message to the space center French Research and Technology Minister Jean-Pierre Chevènement said "with this new and brilliant success, Ariane has reached a decisive stage."

### Three killed

## Dominica coup bid foiled

ROSEAU, Dominica, Dec. 20 (AP) — Masked gunmen stormed this Caribbean island nation's police headquarters and central prison Saturday in an attempt to overthrow the government, Prime Minister Eugenia Charles said Sunday.

A policeman and a former member of the country's defense force were killed and 10 others wounded in the simultaneous pre-dawn attacks, which were repulsed by police, authorities said. Among the injured was Police Commissioner Oliver Phillip.

Police said a third man — also a former member of the defense force — was killed Saturday during a nationwide hunt for the attackers.

In a speech to the nation, Miss Charles said the attacks were linked to two previous coup attempts by former members of the now-disbanded Dominican Defense Force, aided by American and Canadian mercenaries. No foreigners were reported involved in Saturday's assaults.

Miss Charles said the former commander of the defense force, Frederick Newton, had been arrested. She said police were searching for other former members of the force allegedly involved in Saturday's attacks. Cabinet officials were meeting in special session and consulting with police officers, the prime minister said.

One policeman was killed and nine others were wounded during a shootout in the police headquarters compound, Miss Charles said. Phillip was shot when he approached the

## Bengal island parleys set

NEW DELHI, Dec. 20 (AFP) — Ownership of a tiny crescent shaped uninhabited island off Bengal, which once threatened to explode into a major crisis in Indo-Bangladeshi relations, will be the main topic when officials of the two countries meet here for seven days beginning Jan. 8.

New Moore Island, or South Talpathy as Bangladesh calls it, sprang up as a five square kilometer island just off the land boundary in 1971, presumably as a result of a 1970 great tidal wave, and has now grown to 12 square kilometers.

Indian Foreign Ministry sources said they would present survey data collected by Indian ships, and Bangladesh was also expected to present its own data.

At a foreign ministers' meeting in Dacca last August India agreed to supply additional data to Bangladesh to prove that the island is within Indian territorial waters, the sources said. Bangladesh, however, disputes the Indian claim. When India sent a survey ship to the island last May, Dacca protested it stating that it was "an unauthorized intrusion into a disputed area."

For their part, Indian news media have consistently carried photographs and reports accusing Bangladesh of sending gunboats and making "threatening forays near the island, and at one stage relations were seriously

## Thai reshuffle strengthens Prem

BANGKOK, Dec. 20 (AFP) — Thai Prime Minister Prem Tinsulanonda's parliamentary standing stood strengthened Sunday after a cabinet reshuffle which brought him a middle-of-the-road coalition of three established parties.

Gen. Prem, a non-party career soldier, was heading his third cabinet since he came to power in March 1980, with about 154 seats in the 301-strong House of Representatives, which gave it a slight edge over the opposition. The next election is due in April 1983.

Saturday's reshuffle followed a decision by the biggest political grouping, the SAP, to return to the government after withdrawing last March.

But emerging with mounting support in opposition was former Premier Kriangsak Chomanan, seen as seeking a comeback under the banner of his National Democracy Party (NDP) which has about 49 seats. Gen. Kriangsak stepped down as premier in Feb-

## BRIEFS

MILAN, Italy (AP) — Kidnappers seized the 70-year-old chairman of a company, police said Saturday. The abductors seized Giuseppe Pasini Friday evening as he was driving home from work, police said. His car was found a few hundred meters from his office, with its door open. Pasini's wife and two children were awaiting a call from the bandits. Italy's kidnapping gangs have abducted nearly 40 persons this year for ransom.

TURIN, Italy (AFP) — Italian police have arrested 25 members of a Mafia-run international drug and arms traffic ring, official sources said Saturday. Among those detained was 36-year-old "Don Gaetano" Fidanzi of Palermo, said to be the new Mafia boss

since the jailing of Sicilian clan godfather Gerlando Alberti last year. Don Gaetano was arrested for drug trafficking in 1968 and cited in several Mafia court hearings later, but remained untouchable. Don Gaetano, whose two sons were also arrested, lived in a huge fortified villa complete with bullet-proof windows and doors in Assago, near Milan.

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — A mild earthquake Sunday struck Mindoro island, about 160 kms south of Manila, but there were no reports of casualties or damage, authorities said. The government's physical division said the 9:22 a.m. tremor registered an intensity of 4 on the Rossi-Forel Scale of 9, a degree of shock strong enough to make hanging objects swing.

## Balloonists wait for fair weather

JAIPUR, India, Dec. 20 (AP) — Plans for relaunching the 20-story tall balloon Jules Verne remained in suspense over the weekend. A fair weather front due to arrive here Monday or Tuesday represent about the only chance of resuming the long-delayed round-the-world flight until after the year-end holidays.

"We're going to wait for the next system," American balloonist Don Ida said after a mid-morning huddle with co-pilot Maxie Anderson and key members of the ground crew at which they reviewed the latest weather reports.

Ida, 48, of Boulder, Colorado, said the voluntary crew remained "enthusiastic," but others in the entourage said the pressure of wanting to get home for holidays was continuing to build.

Some crew members already were preparing to leave Jaipur, India's "pink city" 250 kms south of New Delhi, and it was widely believed the global circuit would be pushed back several weeks if the Monday-Tuesday relaunch effort also was foiled.

"We don't even want to discuss that option now," a dejected Ida told the Associated Press. Ida and Anderson, 47, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, postponed the liftoff of the Jules Verne Saturday morning.

## 'Leaders spend time abroad' Khmers deride coalition

CHAMCAR TRAP, Cambodia, Dec. 20 (AP) — The Khmer Rouge appear headed for a rejection of a loose coalition with two non-Communist insurgent groups to fight the Vietnamese-backed government in Cambodia.

"A loose coalition cannot lead the fight against the enemy," said one of four speakers at a mass rally here, one of several held recently in areas of Cambodia controlled by the Khmer Rouge.

The coalition is backed by the five-member association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and calls for the Khmer Rouge, who instituted a reign of terror while in power between 1975 and early 1979, to join with two separate non-Communist insurgent groups. The two are headed by one-time Cambodian head of state Prince Norodom Sihanouk and one-time Prime Minister Son Sann.

"Prince Sihanouk spends his time in Paris and Pyongyang (North Korea)," said Ny Kon, political commissar for the Khmer Rouge's 320 division, who set the tone for the rally, held last Friday. Ny Kon also accused Son Sann of spending too much time abroad while his followers along the Thai-Cambodian border were running

black market operations rather than fighting the Vietnamese.

The rally, attended by some 700 men, women and children, took place near the Thai-Cambodian border in western Cambodia and was seen by several foreign newsmen.

Other speakers urged that a coalition should only be formed within the present structure of the Khmer Rouge, something rejected by the two other groups.

After negotiations which ended Nov. 23, Prince Sihanouk's "Moulinaka" faction and Son Sann's "Khmer People's National Liberation Front" accepted proposals for a loose coalition. But a formal decision by the Khmer Rouge had been postponed until late January on request of the Khmer Rouge side.

The apparent rejection will pose problems for ASEAN — Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia and the Philippines — which has been seeking a workable coalition and a more respective face for the Cambodian resistance.

Although the ousted regime, known as Democratic Kampuchea, still holds a seat in the United Nations, it has been widely condemned for its past atrocities.

## Liza Alexeyeva makes it to West

NEWTON, Massachusetts Dec. 20 (AP) — Alexei Semyonov, whose Soviet mother and stepfather went on a hunger strike to get him and his wife reunited said Saturday he was relieved that she has finally made it to the West.

"I am very happy, I am very grateful," Semyonov said Saturday evening when informed that his wife, Liza Alexeyeva, finally arrived in Paris. "This is all a great relief."

Ms. Alexeyeva, who had been trying to emigrate for the past three years, won her visa last week after Semyonov's stepfather, Nobel Peace Prize winner and dissident Andrei Sakharov, conducted a 17-day hunger strike with wife, Yelena Bonner.

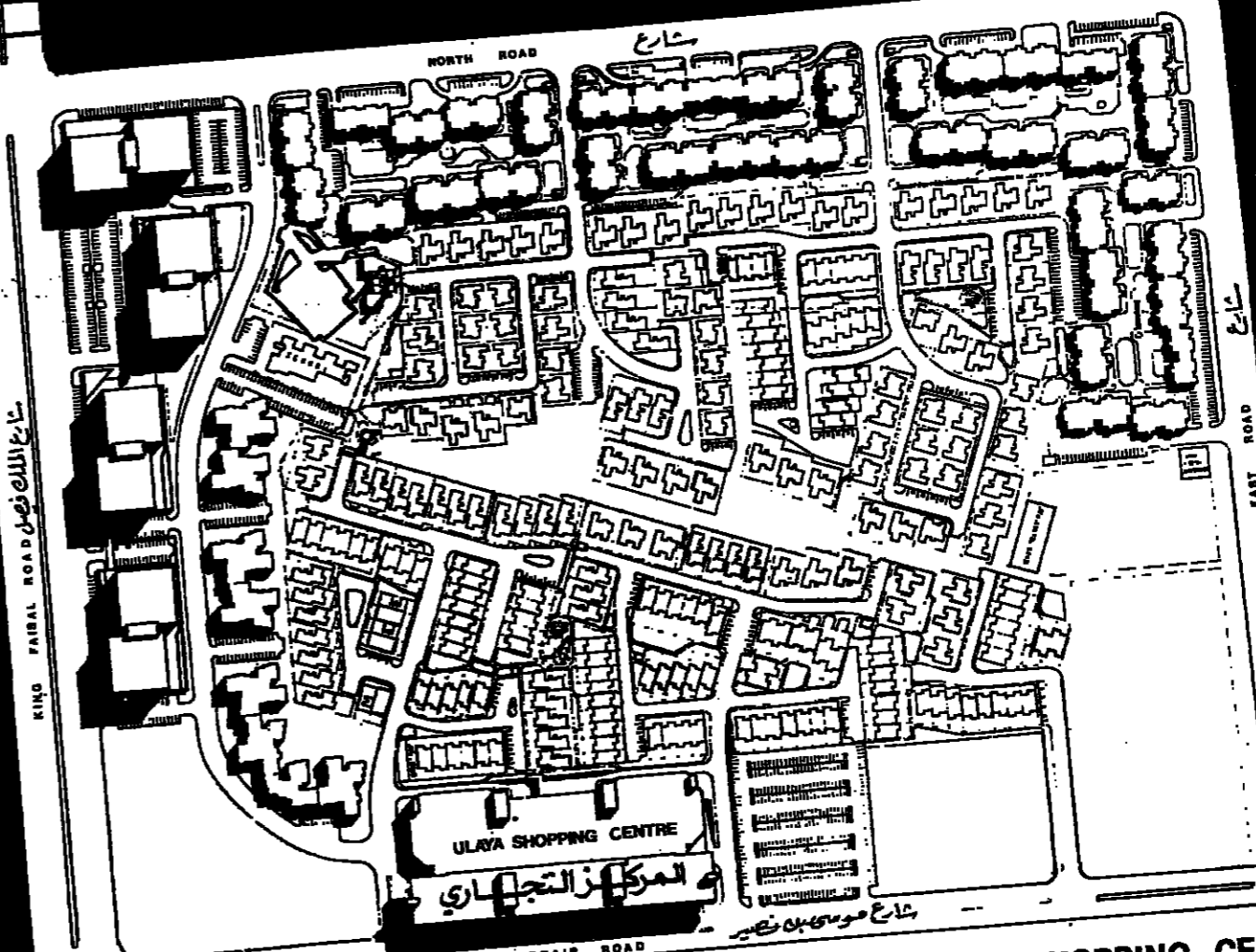
Semyonov expressed concern when told that reporters and photographers pinned his wife to the wall before security guards forced them back. Ms. Alexeyeva is scheduled to travel to Boston on Sunday. "I will have to arrange for security," said Semyonov, a 25-year-old graduate student at Brandeis University.

Semyonov, who had ended an earlier marriage before leaving his native country, was married to Ms. Alexeyeva last June in a proxy ceremony in Montana. But the Soviets refused to issue her a visa.

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To keep off signing today

# Tanzanians oppose 18-state Africa pact

LUSAKA, Dec. 20 (Agencies) — Tanzania's abrupt withdrawal from an 18-nation African trade agreement due to be signed here Monday has raised doubts about the pact's viability.

Western diplomatic observers immediately questioned how a treaty covering a vast area of the continent could survive without a key state like Tanzania. Tanzania's decision came as a surprise to ministers meeting here to put the final touches on the agenda for the signing ceremony. The pact, setting up a preferential trade area, was hammered out in four years of tough negotiations on freer trade and regional cooperation held in collaboration with the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa.

Saturday's statement from Tanzanian President Julius Nyerere's office in Dar Es Salaam was particularly blunt about the reasons for the last-minute withdrawal. "Tanzania will not be signing the preferential trade agreement because the implications of the treaty for Tanzania's existing commitments for inter-African cooperation have not been adequately studied," it said.

It added: "This decision does not, however, imply any change in Tanzania's absolute support for African unity and cooperation. It reflects a consideration of how, not whether, Tanzania can best contribute to its advancement." Some African scepticism about the pact had already surfaced as the level of delegations accepting summit invitations from host President Kenneth Kaunda became clearer.

Madagascar said it would not send anyone and only four states — Kenya, Uganda, Djib-

outi and Somalia — would be represented by their presidents, Zambian officials said. The other delegations were likely to be led by ministers or civil servants. The other members of the proposed pact are Angola, Botswana, Comoros Islands, Ethiopia, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Seychelles, Swaziland and Zimbabwe. The ultimate aim would be to set up an economic community covering eastern and southern Africa.

The treaty and its 12 protocols, which must be ratified by parliaments in member states, include provisions for industrial, agricultural, transport and communications cooperation. They also cover re-exports, tariff barriers, transit trade and clearing and payments arrangements.

High-ranking government sources said in Dar Es Salaam Sunday the cabinet was concerned that the agreement would have obliged Tanzania to reopen its border with neighboring Kenya, sealed four years ago after Tanzania accused Kenya of intentionally sabotaging institutions of the now-defunct East African Community. Tanzania has said it will stay closed until outstanding community issues are settled, notably the assets and liabilities.

Tanzania's withdrawal is seen in Dar Es Salaam as a blow to Kenya's industry, which needs transit facilities through Tanzania to potential markets in Zambia and southern Africa. Tanzania already has commitments to the southern African development conference, involving development cooperation among nine southern African states, and commitments for joint development projects with neighboring Rwanda, Burundi and Uganda.

## Iran to start planning, says premier

BEIRUT, Dec. 20 (AP) — Iran's prime minister has promised his country that after three years of political turmoil, the regime of Ayatollah Khomeini was ready to provide "work, social, and economic security," the official Pars news agency reported Sunday.

Mir Hossein Musavi said Iran, which will mark the third anniversary of its Islamic revolution this February, was "standing at a point when it is actually thinking about planning."

He said this had not been possible before since "different political tendencies" ruled the country since the overthrow of the former Shah regime Feb. 11, 1979.

He was referring to the government of former Prime Minister Mehdi Bazargan and the later one of ousted President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr. Both governments were criticized by hardliners of the ruling Islamic Republican Party for being too Western-oriented and

Musavi, who became prime minister Oct. 29, was speaking Saturday at a three-day seminar held by experts in the plan and budget organization headed by Minister of State Taqi Banki. The seminar is designed to organize the country's economic and social program.

Pars said Ayatollah Hossein Nuri, whom it identified as one of the leading clergymen of the prominent theological center in the city of Qom 129 kms south of Tehran, spoke at the seminar after Musavi stressing the need to limit private wealth and consumption.

Speaking to the economic experts at the seminar, Nuri said a healthy Islamic economy would depend on fair distribution. He warned that "Muslims would not be as free as in a capitalist system since Muslims are legally limited in increasing their wealth and limited in their consumption."

## To save jobs, avoid crisis U.S. auto workers offer wage cuts

By George White

DETROIT, Dec. 20 (R) — With almost 250,000 U.S. car workers unemployed and the industry recording heavy losses, their colleagues on the assembly lines now believe it is more important to save jobs than fight for higher wages.

The United Auto Workers Union (UAW), which has battled the carmakers for decades to get better pay and benefits for its 1.2 million members, has abruptly changed policy and is offering to accept cuts in both fields. With the major companies suffering record losses, many union leaders are willing to defer or give away some of the gains of past years to help make the industry more competitive. General Motors Chairman Roger Smith said recently that GM's labor costs were more than 80 percent higher than those of Japanese makers. "We can't hope to compete in world market with such a handicap," he said.

The UAW has already granted conces-

sions to Chrysler in the form of a wage freeze. Union officials at American Motors, the fourth-ranked carmaker in which France's Renault has a large stake, also have agreed to consider a proposal that workers lend the firm 10 percent of wage increases over the next 22 months.

The UAW also seems likely to make concessions at International Harvester, where a strike was staged last year. Until recently, the idea of renegotiating existing labor contracts, especially to surrender gains won over the years, was considered sacrilege to the UAW. Its policy had been to stage a strike at one company during negotiations in an attempt to whip the others into line.

The UAW's international executive committee rescinded its ban on the so-called "contract reopeners" Dec. 29 because of the devastating slump in the industry caused by high petrol prices, fuel-efficient foreign imports, and recession. UAW President Douglas Fraser said union councils at American Motors and Interna-

tional Harvester could negotiate concessions to the companies if they wished. "We're worried about Ford and General Motors, too," he added.

Until recently, General Motors was the world's largest company, and the saying went that "What's good for General Motors is good for America." GM has now slipped to third place on the list of major U.S. firms behind the Exxon and Mobil Oil companies, Ford is sixth, and Chrysler is 30th.

Job security is now so important for the UAW that it is spending about \$1 million, ironically from strike funds, on television commercials that praise the quality of American cars. "We still make the best cars in the world," one worker asserts in the commercials. Another worker refers to the expanding competition from Japanese and European cars. "Sure, there have been problems," he says. "But now there's a new commitment by the car companies to design them right and engineer them right, and we're committed to building them right."

## Negotiators bargain over new textile import pact

GENEVA, Dec. 20 (R) — Negotiators bargained over a new pact setting levels for textile imports by industrial countries from developing states in an effort to reach agreement before the end of the year.

Delegates to the 51-nation textiles committee of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) canceled two scheduled meetings to continue behind-the-scenes talks on a compromise text. The pact, up for renewal from Jan. 1 and expected to last five years, sets the framework for textile agreements between individual countries.

The European Economic Community (EEC), saying its own textile industry is in crisis partly because of cheap imports, has demanded powers to give its manufacturers time to adjust. Developing countries object that the Third World is being forced to pay for producing competitively on the international market. EEC officials said they were still dissatisfied with terms for assessing the basic quota of so-called dominant suppliers such as Hong Kong and South Korea.

But the officials said the negotiators had found a way to meet EEC demands for powers to avert damaging surges of textile imports from the Third World. The negotiators are due to hold their next formal session Monday. The draft text goes to governments for final approval once delegates in Geneva here have completed their work.

## Fiberglass company begins production

DAMMAM, Dec. 20 — Arabian Fiberglass Insulation Company announced Sunday the commencement of production of glass fiber insulation materials in Dammam.

Arabian Fiberglass Insulation Company was formed in 1980 as a joint venture between Abdul Majeed Yousef Al-Reshaid of Alkhubar, and Owens-Corning Cayman Limited of the Cayman Islands. It utilizes the technology of Owens-Corning Fiberglass Corporation of the U.S.

Fiberglass is made directly from a molten combination of silica sand and other compounds. Its excellent insulation properties, its resistance to heat, cold and moisture make it the first choice of architects, engineers and owners for use in residential, commercial and industrial applications. Specifically in Middle East, the cost of air-conditioning can be reduced by the use of Fiberglass thermal insulation.

## Manure dumped on main squares Students protest Bonn move to trim grants

BONN, Dec. 20 (R) — West German university students have shown what they think of proposed savings in government spending on higher education. They dumped a pile of manure on one of the capitals main squares.

The protest was one of many which punctuated a week of action by about 650,000 students, concerned about the effects on teaching standards of the 1982 budget proposals. Chancellor Helmut Schmidt called this month's boycott of lectures by students inappropriate, although he did accept their concern was legitimate in the face of widespread non-renewal of lecturers' contracts and reductions in new building and purchase of material.

Students are particularly angry about the government's proposal to reduce National Student Grants under the "Bafög" scheme which helps cover living expenses of those from less wealthy backgrounds. About 30 percent of students receive such grants, which were already frozen in October until April 1982 because of financing problems under the 1981 budget.

While most tuition is free in West German universities, students must pay all their living expenses. Above-average increases in the cost of subsidized canteen meals and rents for university and private accommodation have hit students particularly hard.

Accommodation remains a great problem in many university towns where students are often directly competing with immigrant workers and their families for living space. Only about 10 percent of students live in University Housing and at Munich University, flat rents have been increased 17 percent this academic year.

In Bonn a student can expect to pay up to 300 marks (\$130) a month for a tiny privately-owned furnished room where a shower is shared with 30 others. Last summer, the capital's 270,000 inhabitants were beset by rent rooms to some 300,000 students arriving in October but hundreds still spent many nights camping out in tents or sleeping on colleagues' floors.

West German universities are experiencing the effects of a baby boom in the 1950s and a large increase in university places at the

beginning of the 1970s. An education ministry spokesman said student numbers were expected to continue climbing until 1985 from the present one million, although he said some university courses, such as engineering, were currently undersubscribed.

Any young person can enter college if he has achieved the necessary grades at high school and, except in a few subjects such as medicine, can freely choose his university and course. One course in Bonn's German Faculty started this year with 70 students compared with 12 last year and overcrowding in Hanover has led to undergraduates arriving 45 minutes before a lecture to secure a seat.

First-year English students at Bonn have only one hour of language teaching a week as the number of native speakers on the staff was reduced this year to three from six. Students complain the "Bafög" scheme can be more of a hindrance than a help and tends to accentuate the differences in wealth it is designed to reduce.

The state-administered system has a large say in a student's course and will not usually give grants to someone over 25. Students receiving aid may fail end-of-year examinations only once and thus take one extra year at most to complete their courses.

Privately-financed students can study for as long as they please which students say lessens pressure and gives them more time to enjoy university life. One Bonn German and Philosophy student in his 13th term — and has still to complete his first year.

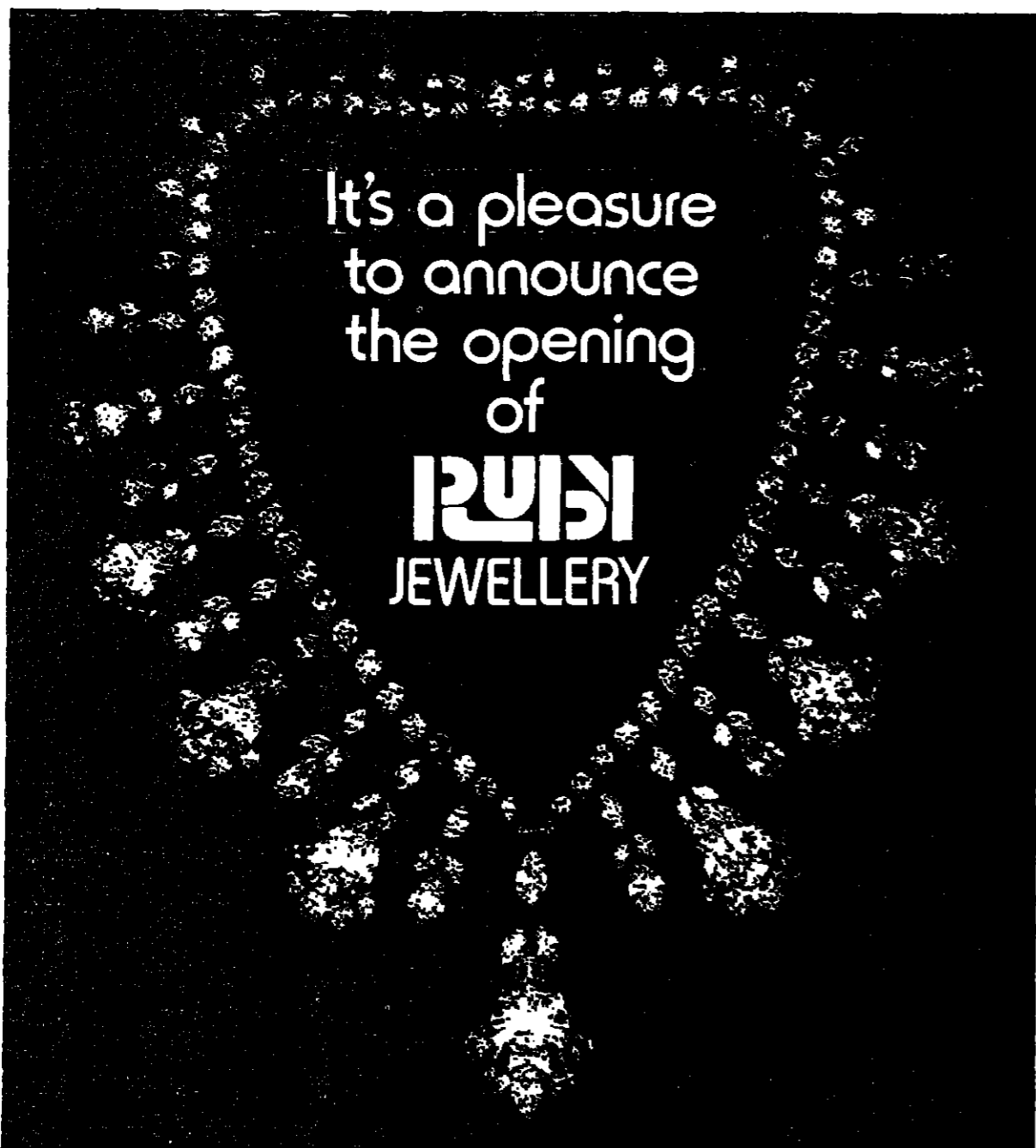
## Afghanistan to get Soviet wheat, flour

ISLAMABAD, Dec. 20 (R) — The Soviet Union will provide Afghanistan with 80,000 tons of wheat, 10,000 tons of flour and other commodities worth a total of 20 million roubles (\$25 million) during the next year, Kabul radio said Saturday.

The radio, in a broadcast monitored by Reuters, said the supplies would be sent under an agreement signed in Kabul between the Afghan Commerce Ministry and the Soviet Trade Agency. There was no indication when it was signed.

Former Afghan officials have said recently in Pakistan that agriculture in Afghanistan had been badly hit by fighting between rebels and government troops.

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Referee stops bout in 10th round

Braxton batters Matthew to grab crown

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey, Dec. 20 (AP) — Dwight Braxton pounded Matthew Saad Muhammad with a brutal right jab and took away his World Boxing Council light-heavyweight title with a 10th-round knock-out Saturday.

Braxton, a boxing unknown until recently, overwhelmed the champion in his ninth title defense by punishing Muhammad inside throughout most of their scheduled 15-round fight.

Braxton, 28, whose professional record is now 16-1-1, knocked down Muhammad with a powerful right midway through the 10th round. Muhammad staggered to his feet and grabbed the ropes as referee Arthur Mercanti gave him ten counts to recover. But Muhammad was almost defenseless, his nose bleeding profusely, as Braxton came charging.

Muhammad's second, Adolph Ratacco, jumped into the ring waving a towel. Mercanti jumped between the two fighters and stopped the bout at 2:54 of the 10th round, giving the championship to Braxton. Mercanti said he did not see Ratacco jump

onto the canvass with the towel. "I was just going to stop it a little bit sooner," Mercanti said. "But Muhammad, if you remember, came back in a little spurt. I didn't see him (Ratacco)."

Muhammad is a notoriously slow-starting fighter who often lulls challengers into a false sense of confidence during the early rounds. His style was no different against Braxton. But Braxton maintained his momentum throughout the fight with a crouching style that seemed to aim at Muhammad's stomach, but allowed him to go to the head easily with overhand rights.

Braxton scored from the inside. Muhammad scored from a distance. Braxton led throughout the fight on most unofficial cards. He bloodied Muhammad's nose in the fourth round with characteristic short right jabs that snapped Muhammad's head backward for the duration.

Muhammad hurt Braxton only once, when his right hand scored to the challenger's head as Braxton stood against the ropes at the end of the seventh round. Toward the 10th round,

it became clear that Muhammad was not finding his wind as he had done so dramatically against earlier challengers.

Muhammad was six pounds overweight, at 181 pounds, as late as Friday night, according to Robert W. Lee, Deputy State Athletic Commissioner.

Muhammad came to Saturday's weigh-in at 177 (80-k), then hit the sauna and ran on the beach to lose 2 1/2 pounds (1.1-k) within two hours. Muhammad fought at 174 1/2 (79-k). Braxton was a quarter-pound heavier.

Braxton, a former inmate at Rahway State Prison, has risen slowly and, some say, deliberately. This year, for example, he qualified for a fight with Muhammad by overcoming Johnny Davis, Mike Rossman and James Scott, handling his former fellow inmate his first defeat in his 22-bout career.

On the other hand, Muhammad was looking beyond Braxton to an eventual fight with World Boxing Association champion Michael Spinks to unite the light heavyweight title. Muhammad, 26, of Philadelphia, now

has a 32-4-1 record.

Mamby gains verdict  
Meanwhile, Jamaican-born American Saoul Mamby successfully defended his World Boxing Council (WBC) light-welterweight title in Lagos Sunday with a points win over Nigerian Obisia Nwankpa.

Mamby, at 34 years of age a survivor in the youthful world of boxing, was dominated by the hometown favorite for the first five rounds. But the veteran eventually took command and began to cut down the ring on Nwankpa. He used his longer reach and superior boxing savvy to outclass the aggressive Nigerian.

Nwankpa's confidence began to evaporate in the sixth round and in the seventh Mamby knocked him down. The Nigerian tried to come back in the eighth but Mamby just got stronger all the way to the end of the fight, with Nwankpa weakening.

The match was marred by an argument in the third round between the handlers when the Nigerian corner accused the Americans of using a forbidden substance in a battle to give their fighter strength.



Matthew Saad Muhammad

New Zealand takes on China sans Turner

RIYADH, Dec. 20 (Agencies) — New Zealand, who scored a dramatic 5-0 win over Saudi Arabia here Saturday, and China must decide on a neutral venue to stage their playoff for the one remaining place in the 1982 World Cup soccer finals in Spain.

New Zealand's victory over Saudi Arabia lifted them into joint second place with China in the Asia-Oceania qualifying section. Both countries finished with seven points and a goal difference of five and must meet again to decide who accompanies section winners Kuwait to Spain.

All New Zealand's goals came in the first half. Wynnton Rufer and Brian Turner scoring two each and Steve Wooddin one. A sixth goal would have put them in the finals without a playoff.

Sadly for New Zealand, Turner, a key player may have to miss the playoff after collecting his second warning in qualifying matches.

With the draw for the finals taking place in Madrid on January 16 the New Zealand-China playoff is expected to take place in the next two weeks. If it ends in a draw and 30 minutes extra time also fails to produce a winner, the 24th finalist will be decided by penalties.

Meanwhile, the European Football Union (UEFA) picked France as the site for the June finals of the 1984 European Soccer Championship.

UEFA's executive committee upheld the recommendation of their championship commission, which preferred France to three other candidates — England, West Germany and Greece.

In the English soccer First Division match Saturday, Manchester City striker Dennis Tueart was badly injured and looks certain to miss the rest of the season.

Tueart, City's leading scorer, limped off seconds before the interval and manager, John Bond, later said: "Tueart will be having an operation Saturday night. The injury is the same as that which kept Trevor Francis out of soccer for seven months."

"Tueart just tripped and the tendon snapped near enough in half. I am sick about losing the match and I am a lot sicker about losing Dennis Tueart for the rest of the season."

Soccer results

Table with soccer results for various leagues including Ligue 1, Bundesliga, and others. Columns include team names and scores.

As Windies record fluent victory Lloyd, Richards smash Australian attack to pulp

PERTH, Australia, Dec. 20 (AP) — West Indian master batsmen Clive Lloyd and Viv Richards reduced the Australian attack to mediocrity in a spectacular display of power-hitting in the Benson and Hedges Cup match at the WACA ground on Sunday.

The hapless Australians were completely outplayed and the West Indies cruised to an eight-wicket victory with 20 overs to spare. Richards and Lloyd came together with the side in a slightly shaky position at 37 for two wickets and proceeded to pulverize the bowling in an unbroken partnership of 153 in only 92 minutes.

Richards hammered three sixes and eight fours in his dazzling unbeaten innings of 72 that occupied 107 minutes and came from only 62 balls. Lloyd, the hulking left-hander, certainly didn't take back seat to his vice-captain. He flayed the bowling and scored an unbeaten 80, including 11 boundaries, off 82 deliveries.

The 37-year-old West Indies' captain won the man of the match award in a photo finish from Richards, the man widely acknowledged as the world's finest batsman. The runaway victory, after Saturday's easy triumph over Pakistan, took the West Indies into equal top place in the Cup standings. The West Indies has three wins from five matches and share the lead with Pakistan (three wins from six matches), with Australia in last place with two wins from five games.

Although Test matches are far different games to these one-day affairs, the West Indies showed that they have the bowling and batting strength to prove just too strong for Australia in the coming three-Test series.

Australia were on their knees at 80 for six, after being sent into bat in ideal conditions, before some defiant batting from Graeme

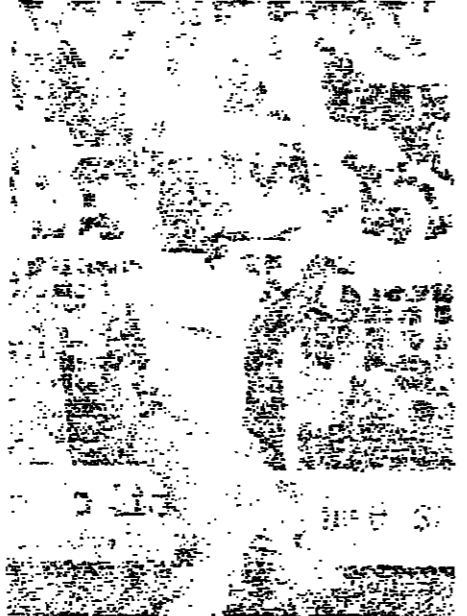
Wood and Dennis Lillee enabled the side to reach 188 for the loss of nine wickets. Wood and Lillee put on 70 for the seventh-wicket in 55 minutes before Wood was brilliantly run out by Richards for 54. Lillee went on to score an unbeaten 42.

The West Indies began their innings poorly, losing the wickets of Desmond Haynes for nine and Faoued Bacchus for 21 before Lloyd and Richards took absolute control. Apart from a couple of shaky moments against Lillee, Richards and Lloyd treated the much-vaunted Australian fast attack with disdain and rarely did the ball beat the bat.

Lillee, who had an over-ambitiously driving Haynes caught at first slip, was punished in a way rarely seen on this ground and he finished with one for 36 off six overs. Terry Alderman, who had Bacchus caught at mid-off, conceded 41 runs off his eight overs.

It was the sheer speed of Michael Holding that knocked the stuffing out of Australia from the outset. Holding was able to make the ball lift menacingly and put the West Indies in firm control when he dismissed opener Rick Darling for seven and Chappell for a duck with successive deliveries in the third over of the day.

Chappell's duck followed similar scores in his two previous innings — in the third Test against Pakistan, last Monday and in the one-day match against Pakistan in Sydney last Thursday. Wood made the most of lives at one and eight to score 54 off 83 deliveries in 82 minutes. Apart from Wood and Lillee, the only other Australian batsmen to reach double figures were an unusually sedate Allan Border (27) and Kim Hughes, who scored 18 in breezy fashion before mistiming a book and being caught at mid-wicket.



Viv Richards, comes into his own



Clive Lloyd, a breeze

Score-board

Scoreboard table showing batting and bowling statistics for both teams. Columns include player names, runs scored, and bowling figures.

Juan Herrera stops Gonzalez

MERIDA, Mexico, Dec. 20 (R) — Juan Herrera of Mexico successfully defended his World Boxing Association (WBA) flyweight title here Saturday when he battered Benito Gonzalez of Venezuela to defeat in the seventh round.

The referee had no hesitation in halting the bout and the dazed challenger, cut badly above his left eye, was led to his corner without protest.

With this victory, Herrera, 22, ended a jinx on WBA flyweight champions. He was the first champion to successfully defend the title in two years. Gonzalez, 32, bidding to win the crown for the fourth time, began the fight in whirlwind style but failed to land any early damaging blows.

Herrera belied pre-fight accusations that he was a mere puncher by cleverly dodging the challenger's swinging fists and picking up points with accurate hooks and jabs. By the fourth round, Gonzalez' left cheek was inflamed and a cut had begun to open above his eye.

Herrera was quick to exploit the wound with telling blows and Gonzalez did himself no favors by repeatedly engaging the Mexican in head-to-head slugging contests. The referee temporarily halted the bout in the sixth round after blood began to pour from Gonzalez's eye injury but the ringside doctor allowed him to continue.

Herrera pressed home his clear superiority in the next round and the referee stopped the fight when it became clear that Gonzalez, his face a bloodied mask, could not defend himself.



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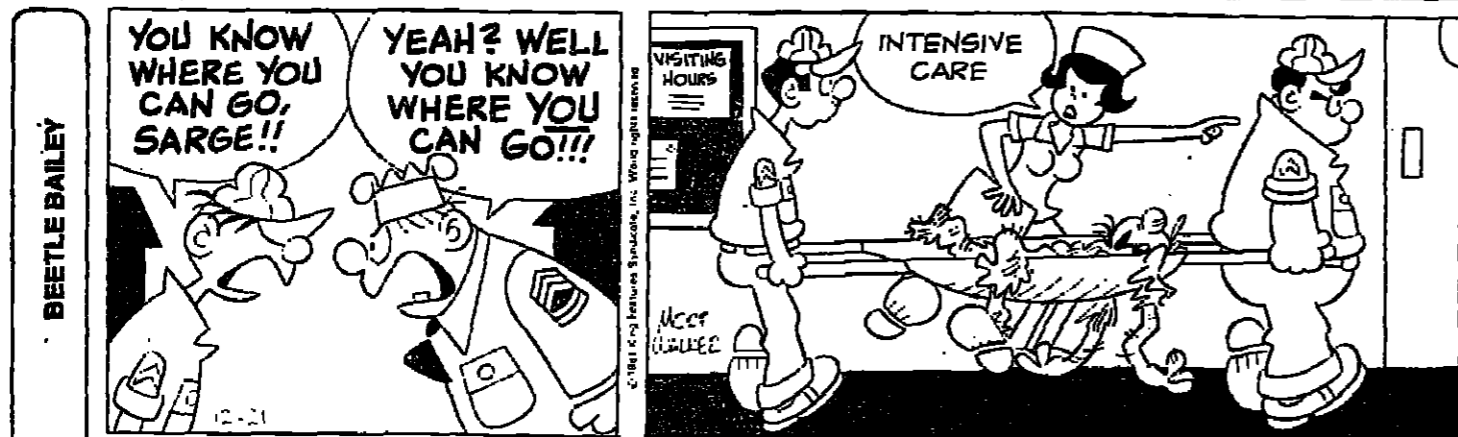
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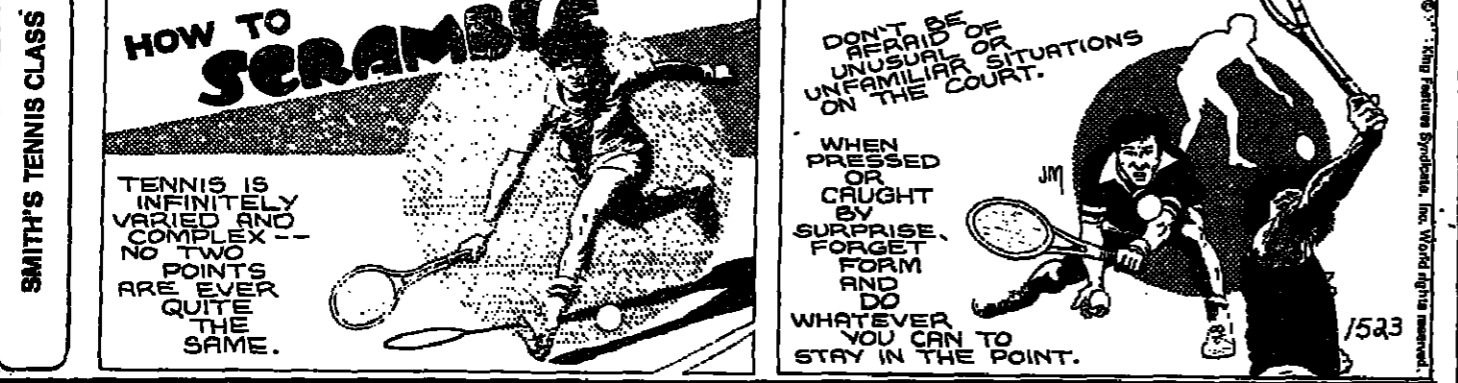
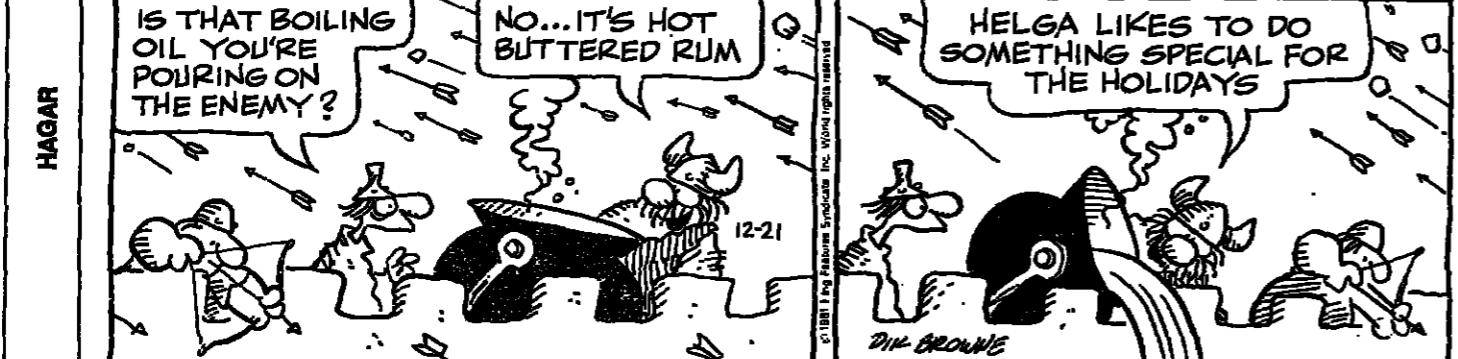
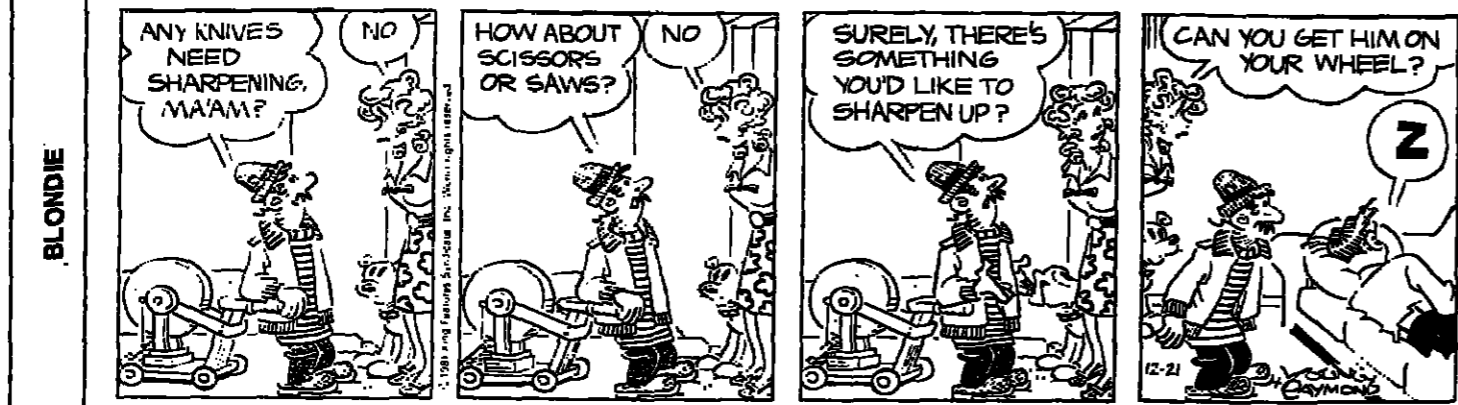




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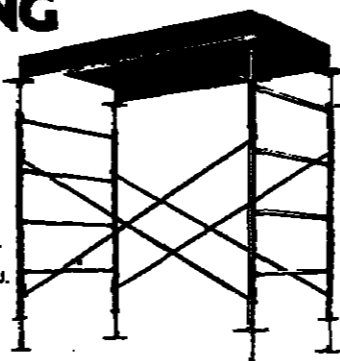
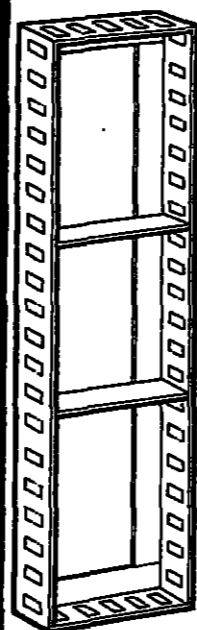
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